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Comment On Latest Japanese "Peace Offer"

WANG CHING-WEI NOT A PEACE NEGOTIATOR

Well informed comment on the surprise visit of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, to Hanoi, (as revealed by the "China Mail" on Thursday) is to the effect that this journey is no sign of any inner political weakening of the Chinese Government but an indication of concentration on the continuation of the Chinese liberty fight.

Contradicting the rumour that differences of opinion exist between Wang Ching-wei and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, it is said that the special mission report is the accurate one. There has long been an intention of sending Mr. Wang Ching-wei to Europe in order to foster understanding for the Chinese cause.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei, it is now understood, is going to Europe and will visit Paris and then Berlin, Rome and London.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei is consider-

NO PAPER ON MONDAY.

Monday being the main Christmas holiday, there will be no issue of the "China Mail" on that day. Publication will be resumed on Tuesday.

ed especially suited for such a mission because he has always strongly advocated friendly relations between China and Germany as well as Italy.

"PEACE" POSITION DIFFICULT

Chinese well-informed political circles disbelieve that Mr. Wang Ching-wei will take up negotiations with the Japanese although it is admitted that he was one of those leading Chinese politicians who left the door open for a peaceful settlement.

If Mr. Wang should have had such intentions, his position has been made difficult by Japanese propaganda mentioning him as a suitable successor to Chiang Kai-shek and alleging him to be a Japanese friendly politician.

Rumours that the Chinese Central Government would discuss

"Something Of An Anti-Climax"

London, To-day.

All the London newspapers give prominence to the Japanese Premier's announcement of peace terms to China.

Commenting on the proposal for an anti-Comintern China-Japan-Manchukuo bloc, the "News Chronicle" says:

"As the Comintern is supposed to govern the activities of all non-totalitarian states, the Japanese war aims seem really to be to attempt to squeeze the democratic countries from China."

Diplomatic circles, which have been curious as to why the decisions of the Tokyo Imperial Conference on November 30 have been so long withheld, in which connection rumours were current that Japan had been secretly sounding China on the possibilities of peace, regard Prince Konoye's statement as something of an anti-climax.

It contains nothing new, though the absence of reference to General Chiang Kai-shek is considered significant.

"SPECIAL BAIT"

This, combined with the Japanese offer to consider abolition of extraterritoriality in the foreign concessions,

SIR MILES LAMPSON HAS NARROW ESCAPE

CAIRO, TO-DAY.

SIR MILES LAMPSON, BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO, AND LADY LAMPSON, WERE INVOLVED IN AN ALARMING ACCIDENT WHEN RETURNING TO CAIRO YESTERDAY FROM A SHOOTING TRIP ON LAKE EKIAD.

Their plane suffered a buckled undercarriage as it was taking off but nobody was injured.

Sir Miles Lampson was formerly British Ambassador to China. — Reuter.

negotiations with the Japanese are unconvincing as the American loan and the forthcoming British loan to China have greatly strengthened the position of the National Government. — Trans-Ocean.

TWO YEARS FOR ESPIONAGE

Los Angeles, To-day.
Karl Drummond, youthful aircraft worker, was yesterday sentenced to two years' imprisonment for espionage.
He had been found guilty on two counts of an attempt to sell important American aviation secrets to Japan. — Reuter.

ACCUSATIONS AGAINST BRITISH TROOPS

London, To-day.

The War Office yesterday emphatically denied slanderous allegations against the conduct of British troops in Palestine which have appeared in the Nazi German press.

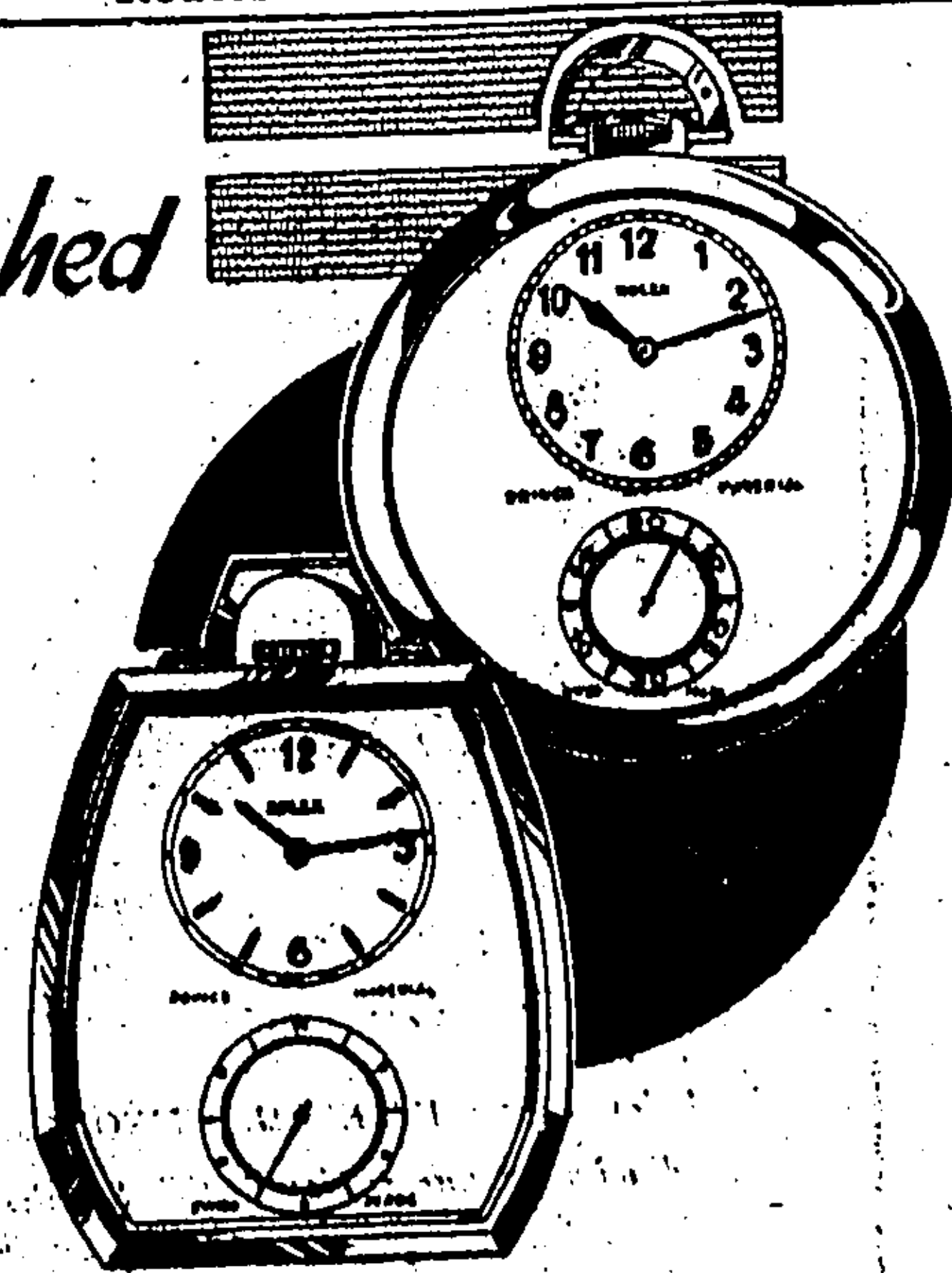
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It is emphasised that there is no truth in the Nazi allegations. — Reuter.

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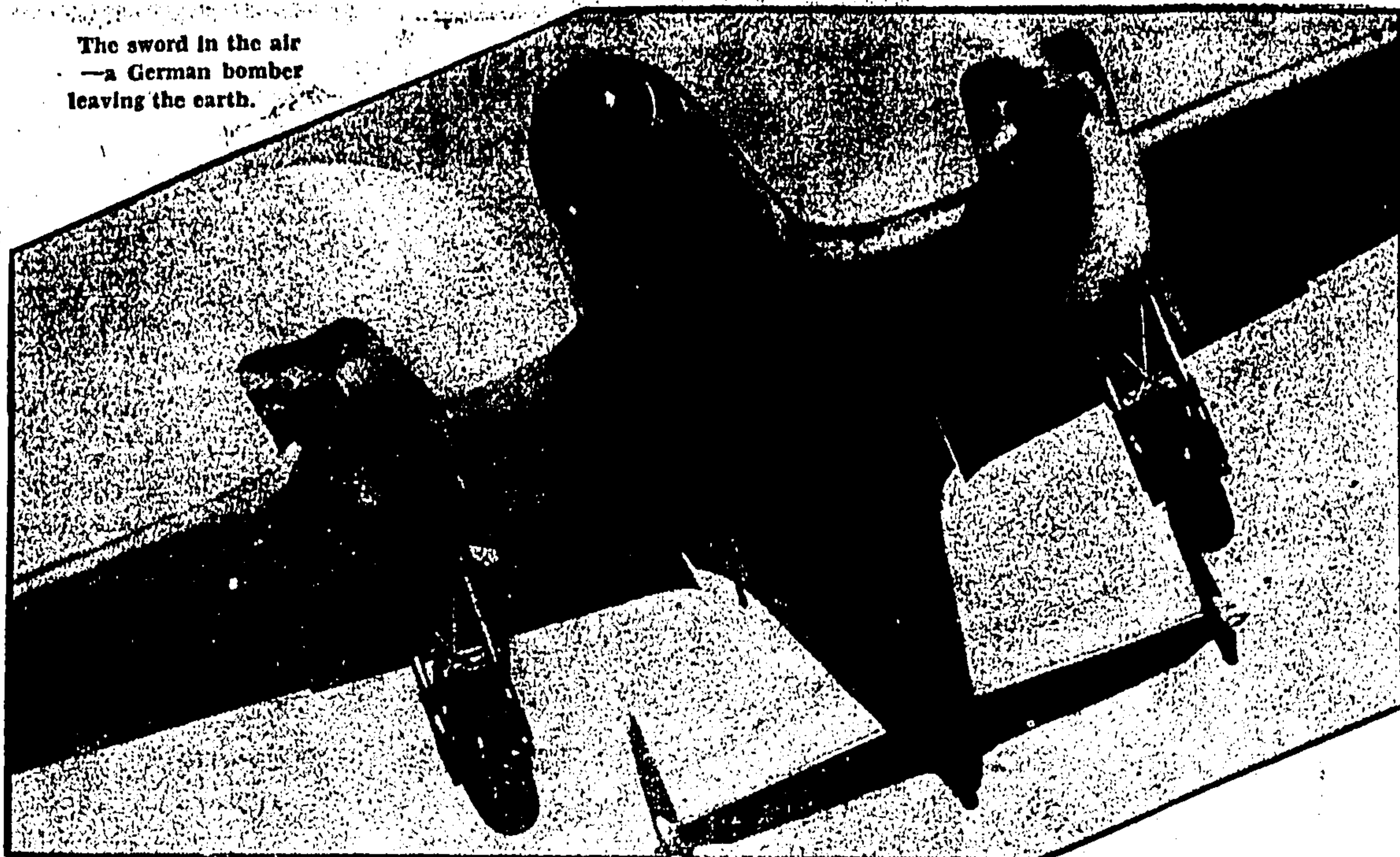
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IN Mein Kampf Hitler writes:

"The cry for the restoration of colonies is mere empty talk."

But that was in 1924. The words still stand in the book, but elsewhere things have changed. Said Hitler, November 22, 1935: "Germany will never give up her colonial claims."

Said Hitler, January 27, 1936: "Colonies are acquired by right of might."

Said Hitler, September 30, 1937: "We must have colonies. But they are worth nothing if an enormous armed force as to be maintained to guard them. Our interest is commercial."

Said Hitler, November 22, 1937: "We must raise the demand for colonial livingroom. We must raise it louder and louder so that the rest of the world will not be able to refuse to hear it. What people don't care to hear to-day they will be unable to ignore in a few years time."

Said Hitler's spokesman, Herr Wenig, propaganda leader of the German colonial organisation, May 18, 1938: "Now that Austria is incorporated in Greater Germany our need for colonies is of the most vital

importance. Unfortunately our colonies do not lie on our borders and we cannot just march in. Otherwise foreign statesmen might wake up one fine day and read in their morning papers that we are already there."

Says Dr. Bauer, in a National-Socialist Party pamphlet: "The passage in Mein Kampf subordinating German's colonial claims to objectives in Europe has been misinterpreted."

Hitler says in Mein Kampf that all Germans must be gathered in to the great Germanic Motherland. Indeed he insists that until this is done there can be no question of seizing territory anywhere that is at present inhabited by another race.

Where does this Hitler claim lead? It has already brought the Saar and Austria and Sudetenland back into the Reich. But there are Germans in Alsace-Lorraine (France), Eupen and Malmedy (Belgium), Schleswig (Denmark), Danzig (Free City), the Polish Corridor and Silesia (Poland), Memel (Lithuania) in the former Austrian parts of Yugoslavia, in Hungary, Rumania, South Tyrol (Italy)

and Switzerland. There is even a German colony along the banks of the Don (Russia). Is Hitler going to fight for all of them—or at any rate threaten to fight?

"The question of recovering lost territories is first and foremost one of recovering lost political power for the Mother country, and for the supreme purpose the interests of the lost territories must be ruthlessly ignored. For the liberation of oppressed and cut-off splinters of a race or of the provinces of an empire is not effected either by the longing of the oppressed population or by the protests of the Motherland. No! No! The reunion is brought about by such force as remains to the country that has been robbed. It is the task of the leaders of the nation, at home to forge that weapon, abroad to wield it."

Thus Hitler urges peace with England, and even with France for a time. As for Italy, who took in 300,000 Austrian Germans in her South Tyrol annexation in 1919 and treated them more harshly than ever the Czechs treated the Sudetens—Hitler even forgives that or at all events agrees to forget it for the present.

This being rather an awkward bend to negotiate, however, he blames it on the Jews, of course, by raising this issue they are only trying to stir up trouble! "I was one who defended South Tyrol in practice, i.e., in the army, from 1914 to 1918. That land was not guaranteed to Germany by lying and inflammatory speeches of smart parliamentarians in Vienna Town Council or at the Munich cenotaph, but by fighting battalions at the front. It was the babblers who broke up the front and betrayed it, now they chatter about it, the lying Jews. Each one of us does his bit indeed! We offered our blood for it, now these people sharpen their noses over it!"

"That Great Man South Of The Alps"

The French come in for a share in the abuse. Hitler doubts if he can rouse German national enthusiasm for the fate of 300,000 South Tyrolese at the moment "when seven million Germans are under the yoke of alien domination and African negro hordes swarm through the vital arteries of Germany" (the French occupation of the Rhineland and Ruhr with coloured troops).

Then Hitler launches forth into

MEIN KAMPF



praise of Mussolini. "I conceived a fervent admiration for that great man south of the Alps. His deep love for his country forbade him to haggle with Italy's enemies at home. He beat them down. How dwarfish our sham statesmen in Germany appear when set against this figure!" Already, indeed, Hitler observed that Mussolini was waging a war against the Jews under cover of attacking Freemasonry, the international capitalist Press, and the Marxists — three main forces of Jewry.

Mussolini, however, may ponder on the words which follow the eulogy of himself: "If the German race is to stop the rot which threatens Europe it must not fall into the errors of the pre-war period and make enemies of God and the world, but must ascertain who its most dangerous opponents are so as to oppose them WITH CONCENTRATED FORCE."

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What, indeed, is anyone to think? Is Mein Kampf still the Nazi Koran? Not a word of it has been altered (in the German version). When Bertrand de Jouvenal, a French journalist, asked Hitler about it in 1936, the Fuehrer replied he was not an author who re-edited his work, he would leave that to his history. At the same time he assured M. de Jouvenal that he meant peace. Is England to disbelieve Mein Kampf because Hitler writes there that he does NOT want colonies and shouts now that he does? Is Hitler lying when he writes that he wants to be friends with England?

Is he lying when he promises in Mein Kampf to smash France? For now he says he is willing to end the thousand-year battle of the Rhine. On October 14, 1938, he said: "When the Saar has been restored only a madman could contemplate the idea of war between our two States. No one could demand that millions of men should be annihilated for the sake of a readjustment of our present frontier."

On February 1, 1936, Hitler played a few more notes on the reassurance flute "I solemnly declare that between Germany and France there can be no point of dispute at all as far as is humanly conceivable." On March 7, having reoccupied the Rhineland, he added: "We have no territorial demands to make in Europe."

On February 20 of this year Hitler told the Reichstag, "Alsace does not exist for us." On September 12, at the Nazi Party rally at Nuremberg, he, having meantime annexed Austria, again offered his hand to France.

"Germany has renounced all claims to Alsace-Lorraine. I did this to serve European peace. But nobody could have made us give up Alsace-Lorraine if we had not wanted to. It was our will to end the eternal fight between Germany and France for ever."

Three days later at Berchtesgaden were initiated the negotiations which led to the carve-up of France's Continental ally, Czechoslovakia.

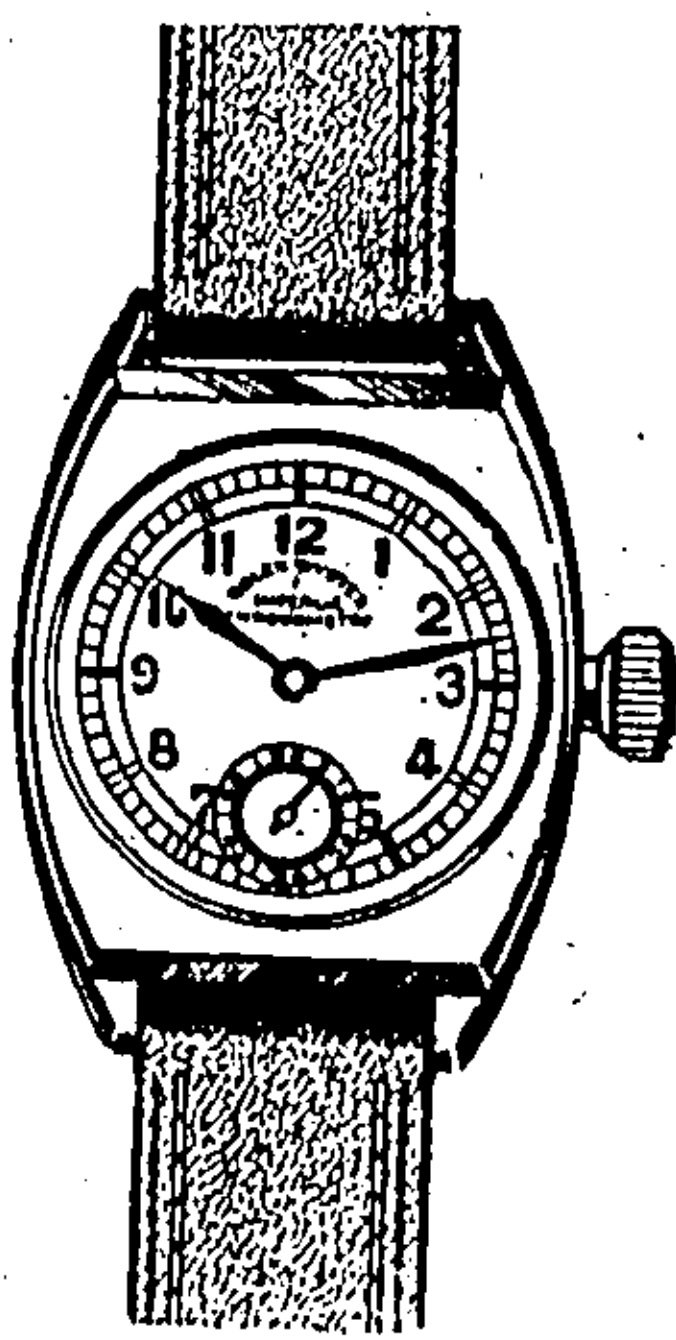
To-day Greater Germany counts nearly 80,000,000 citizens. Hitler has added 10,000,000 without firing a shot. The plan is working out. But not until 250,000,000 Germans inhabit this continent, says Hitler, will the Nazi foreign policy be realised. That will be in less than 100 years, he thinks. Then the

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What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

Take every precaution that messages and mail are delivered promptly to you this day, which appears to be a favourable one for the interchange of important ideas and news through varied types of communications. Through cross-examination of an important statement regarding any important

issue, you may save yourself useless trouble. Colours may play an important part in this day's affairs. Vivid, bright and cheerful ones will be most effective in attracting attention and counteracting depressed feelings. It will be a mistake to deviate from any rule you have tried out and found satisfactory. You are apt to meet several people who try to tell you how to run your personal business. Their suggestions are likely to be impracticable, so weigh advice carefully before Accepting it. Married and engaged couples, as well as those who are in love, will find it will pay to give evidence that they possess depth of sentimental feeling.

If a woman and December 24 is your birthday, you ought to be exceptionally intelligent, a fine critic of artistic work, and have a fondness for luxuries, which may apt to be thrifty and very shrewd in business matters. You perhaps believe in minding your own business, and are wise enough not to be drawn into other people's quarrels. As a real estate or insurance broker, restaurant manager, hostess, entertainer, writer, actress or musician your financial returns are likely to be large. Being capable of adjusting yourself to household responsibilities, your married life ought to be free of troubles or worries.

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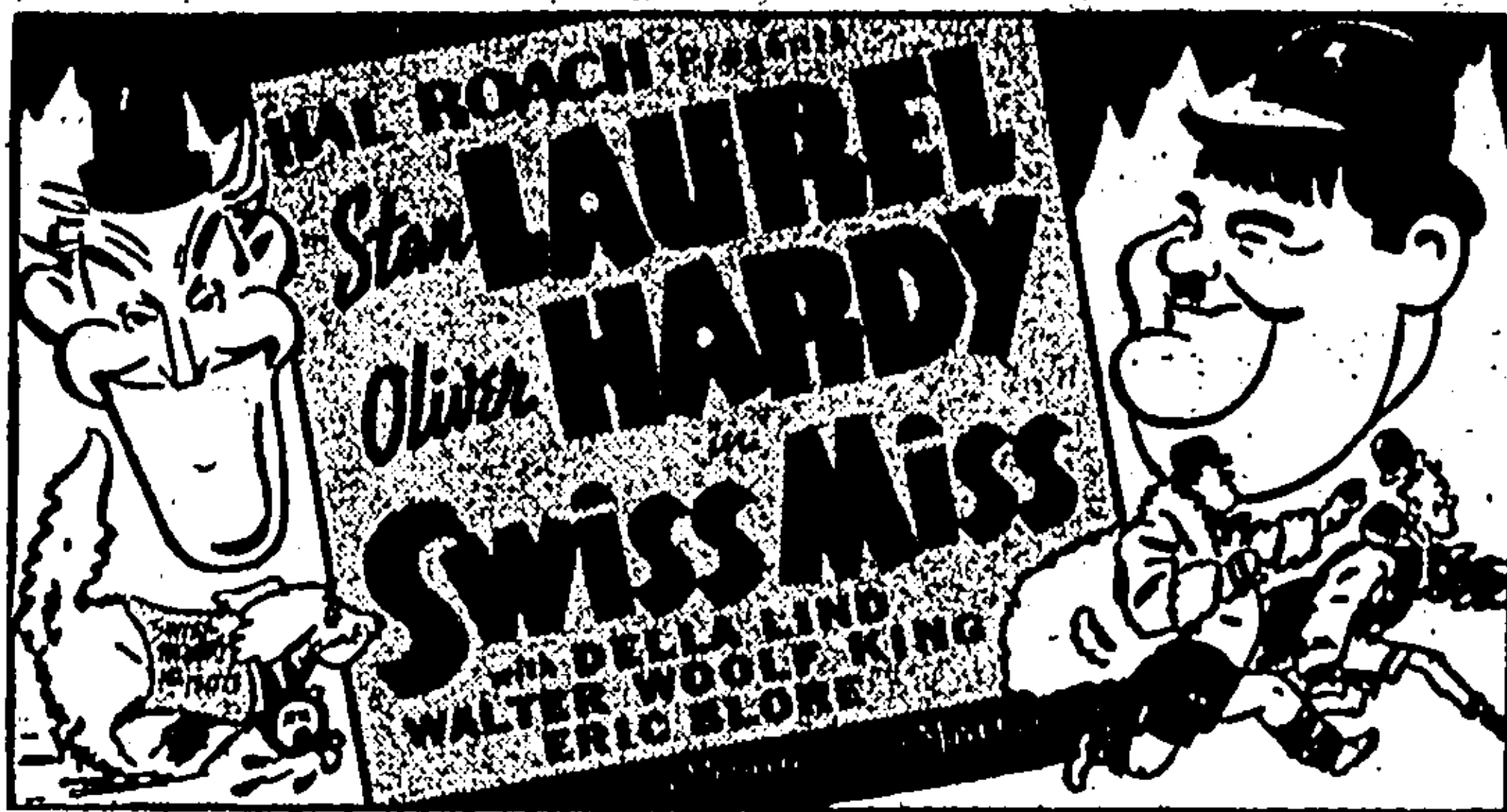
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Unfortunately His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote are unable to be with us tonight, and I am sure you will all join me in condoling with them in their deep bereavement.

WHO'S THE BLAME?

One often hears the question: "Why is it that wherever a few Scots are congregated abroad there one finds a St. Andrew's Society?" To me it seems that the Celts, or Highlanders, are mainly to blame. In olden days, as you probably know, each highland clan was a sort of glorified large family, extremely exclusive and ready to fight all comers on anything affecting the honour of the clan. To-day, although there are no longer inter-clan battles to intensify the old rivalries, the clan spirit is by no means dead. We are told that the highland clans were utterly crushed at and after the Battle of Culloden. Now that statement, like the stories of Alfred and the Cakes, Bruce and the Spider, and Dick Turpin's ride to York, should be swallowed with several grains of salt. As a matter of fact, many clans did not participate in Prince Charlie's picturesque but unsuccessful campaign, and later, when punishment was being meted out, those loyal (or ultra-cautious) clans naturally did not suffer. Moreover those so "utterly crushed" showed remarkable powers of recovery. Take, for example, the Camerons, perhaps the staunchest and most severely punished of all the Jacobite clans. Only a month or two ago thousands of Camerons from all parts of the world assembled near the foot of Ben Nevis to pay homage to their gallant Chief, Lochiel. And to-day in London, Liverpool, Edinburgh, Glasgow, New York, Sydney and elsewhere we have Clan Donald Societies, Clan Grant Societies, Clan McPherson Societies

and others. But in places like Rangoon, Mairabi, Amoy and Penang where Scots are less numerous, conditions are different: and although every Highlander is (or at any rate considers himself to be) a host in himself, it would scarcely be feasible in—say—Hongkong to have a MacGregor Society, or a MacKichan Society, or a Drummond Society or a MacWhirter Society. So what do these exiled Gaels do? They conclude amongst themselves an armistice and agree to forget, for the time being, their thousand year old feuds and vendettas, to bury the hatchet (perhaps I ought to say "Claymore") and to form a combined society. But then arises the delicate question of a name; for should one suggest the title, MacDonald Society, the Mackenzies or some others might object, and should a man from Argyll propose to call it the Campbell Society, the McTavishes or others might take umbrage. Honour is finally satisfied by the adoption of a national title such as St. Andrew's Society; and as a very great concession those proud Celts consent to permit mere Lowlanders like Eric Brydon, David Robb, Andrew Shields, Ben Wylie and myself to become members.

"DEAR OLD ENEMIES"

That, ladies and gentlemen, is one explanation of the multiplicity of St. Andrew's Societies on this planet. However, knowing the argumentative and sceptical nature of my countrymen, I shall not be a bit surprised to see this theory of mine torn to shreds next Wednesday by the Scribe from Lincumdoddie.

We had the usual games of golf and Lawn bowls with our dear old enemies, the members of St. George's Society. At bowls we were successful but at golf we had to bow the knee to the Saxons whom I congratulate on recapturing the trophy. And once again (and, with Mr. Dodwell's permission, on behalf of both societies) I wish to thank the Kowloon Bowling Green Club for so kindly placing their grounds and premises at our disposal on December 10th.

I am all in favour of Englishmen and Scotsmen settling on the playing field any differences that might arise. The other day I was reading some verses by an English journalist where he tells how once every year certain men from the North of Spain and the South of France meet in a pass of the Pyrenees in order to emulate the deeds of their ancestors — in other words to have a good old scrap in which several skulls are cracked and a lot of blood spilt. And this blood-thirsty Englishman (I beg your pardon: This "sanguinary journalist") goes on to suggest that in these degenerate days, when our own Borders are in danger of becoming flabby and effeminate something similar should be done at home—that the Penwicks, the Forsters, the Musgraves and other Northumbrians should march to the Cheviots and join in a good old ding dong border battle with the Jardines, the Scotts, the Armstrongs and the Elliots. Well, I must say I disagree most heartily. Why resurrect long-buried and all but forgotten animosities? Besides, the suggestion

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The report, which came from Maidenhead, went on that the ray "would make the iron bulwark of a battleship so hot that nobody could survive on board. Its terrific heat would boil the sea around it. If an aeroplane flew into its range it would burn up like a fly in a candle."

Now, one can't ignore a thing like that without, at any rate, going to have a look. To Maidenhead I went.

What followed was in the right tradition of such things. The inventor and invention were to be found on a secluded estate buried in the country some miles away.

I reached the village of White Waltham. I found the lodge gates of the "secluded estate." The place is up for sale. Out for the time being its owner, who is a friend of the inventor, allows it to be used as the site of the experiment.

PADLOCKED GATE

I went up the muddy lane. It ended in a six-barred gate heavily padlocked and with a barbed-wire fence above it. I climbed over it as I had been told.

The path led to a coppice. Bits of disused agricultural machinery were strewn around. Past the coppice was another gate. Above it was a ship's bell. Behind it was a big yard surrounded by a number of outbuildings.

I rang the ship's bell. It clanged desolately, but there was no answer. I climbed over the second gate and went on.

At last I found the inventor.

We went up into a room with bench and vice and carpenter's tools and a pleasant wood fire: no test tubes, no retorts, no coils. The inventor told me the story.

It was not so much a death-ray, in his opinion, though it was that too, but a rain maker. He was rather angry because newspapers had been overworking its military aspect. He had been working on it for seven years or more, and had tried it out and had caused cloud-bursts, he said.

His idea is that if you get a hot air-pocket high up in the atmosphere, you get a storm-centre.

He is a charming inventor, Mr. Arthur E. Coxhead, a wood-carver, a skilled man with his hands, very learned about wood and furniture—he had been a successful dealer in antiques. When he retired, for he is white-haired and 70 now, he sat down to wrest the secrets from nature, starting from the beginning, without books or mathematics to clog the free flight of his fancy.

Presently we went downstairs to look at the invention.

WITH MIRRORS

We walked a little farther through the rambling estate and found a walled garden in which stood a wooden framework about 60ft. long, about 10ft. high, fixed at an angle of some 60deg. to the horizon.

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I rather envy Mr. Coxhead his chance to sit in a secluded estate, trying his experiments to find out how the world works. He has the spirit of curiosity and that's where science came from.

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GERMANY'S COMMENT ON LIMA CONFERENCE

Berlin, To-day.

Germany appears to be highly satisfied at the outcome of the Lima Conference.

The fact that the Argentine resolution on solidarity was passed instead of the much sharper anti-Fascist United States resolution, is generally welcomed here.

The "Berliner Tageblatt" says of the Latin-American States, "says the paper. that the United States delegate returned home with well-nigh empty hands, the agreement reached being the least binding of pacts and does not say what Washington and especially Wall Street wanted to hear.

The "poisoned fangs" were removed from the United States plan. "The victors of Lima are the solidarity and national consciousness

REASON "FOUND"

Political quarters suggest that the attitude of the United States towards Germany, as evidenced by the speech of Mr. Harold Ickes, Secretary of Interior, and the sequel, is due to disappointment over the outcome of the Lima Conference.

The report that President Roosevelt had been awarded the Hebrew Medal for 1938 for inaugurating the Evian Conference for helping Jews, is generally made the occasion for fresh attacks on the United States.

The "Boersen Zeitung" says that this confirms everything said in the German press about relations between the American Government and International Jewry.—Reuter.

SHARP GERMAN CRITICISM OF MR. ICKES

Berlin, To-day.

Sharp criticism of what is regarded as the extraordinary behaviour of Mr. Harold Ickes, the United States' Secretary of Interior, again appears in the German press following a new "incident" which is reported to have occurred when Mr. Ickes received a number of press representatives yesterday.

Mr. Ickes said he would leave the task of replying to the German protest to be dealt with by "our very capable State Department." Until the Department had answered the Nazi Government, he was obliged to refrain from making comment.

The "Berliner Lokal Anzeiger" writes: "It would be easy to leave this stupid company to their absurdities if the whole matter were not intended as an attempt to set public opinion against Germany.

"We have of late had repeated occasion to draw attention to this man who sheds lustre on the White House by seeking with all means at its disposal to create differences between Germany and the United States.

"We had hoped that there would be at least some-one in North America, who would call him to order by a restraining tap on the shoulder.

"This 'scene' and many others, prove, however, that this hope is misplaced. It would appear that this colleague of the President has a full permission to please himself by following up his challenges with acts of provocation."—Trans-Ocean.

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JAPANESE MILITARY "INCOMPETENCE" IN WAR

Greatest Surprise Of Sino-Jap. Hostilities

Change Of Policy By Third Powers Foreseen

London, To-day.

The greatest surprise of the war has been Japan's military incompetence, says the "Spectator," discussing the Sino-Japanese situation.

The magazine quotes the distinguished American journalist, Edgar Mowrer, who in his new book on China asserts that in the eyes of all expert foreign observers, including General Falkenhayn, former German military adviser to Nanking, Japan's conduct of the war deprives her of any right to be regarded as a first-class military power.

Whether this is true or not, says the paper, it is indisputable that for eighteen months of the war, Japan, in spite of victories, has failed to bring a miserably ill-equipped China "to her knees."

In the immensely rich south-western provinces the Government is organising a new state which will be the core of the new China.

FOREIGN POLICY

British and American policy has been based on two assumptions, which were originally hard to doubt.

The first was that in war, Japan, with her inadequate resources, would welcome at least foreign commercial activity in China; the war has shown that every added strain on Japan makes it more and more necessary that she exploit China to her own exclusive advantage.

ASSUMPTIONS DISPROVED

The second was that since Japan must win an easy and inevitable victory, there could be no purpose in opposing her.

Both these assumptions have been decisively disproved, and the opportunity has been created for revision of British and American policy. — Reuter.

BELGIAN DEFENCE PROGRAMME

BRUSSELS, TO-DAY.
THE BELGIAN CHAMBER, BY 117 VOTES TO 10, YESTERDAY ADOPTED THE AERIAL DEFENCE BILL, COST OF WHICH AMOUNTS TO £4,250,000.

Credits under the Bill will be devoted mainly to provision of anti-aircraft guns.

The measure carries a clause under which the Government must give account of the progress of air precaution work by April 30. — Reuter.

NEW CRISIS IN FRANCO-ITALIAN ISSUE FEARED

LONDON, TO-DAY.

REPUDIATION OF THE FRANCO-ITALIAN AGREEMENT OF 1935 BY ITALY, WHICH IT WAS UNDERSTOOD LATE LAST NIGHT HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED TO FRANCE, FINDS A GRIM RESPONSE IN THE PRESS.

The step is regarded as the first move in what may prove to be a new crisis designed to ensure that the Italian claims will be the main subject of Mr. Neville Chamberlain's conversations in Rome in January, any idea of which it has been the newspapers' concern to refute throughout the week. — Reuter.

OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION

Rome, To-day.

It is officially confirmed that the Italian Government in a letter dated December 17 addressed to M. Francois-Poncet, French Ambassador to Rome, has cancelled the Italian — French agreement of January 7, 1935. — Trans-Ocean.

PAN-AMERICAN COURT OF JUSTICE

Lima, To-day.

The Pan-American Conference yesterday passed unanimously a project for study of a statute of establishment of an inter-American court of justice. — Reuter.

AMERICAN AID TO CHINA

New York, To-day.

Discussing the dealings arising from the credits granted last week by the Export and Import Bank, the "New York Times" says that 1,000 two and a half ton lorries will be purchased from the General Motors Corporation and the Chrysler Corporation for shipment to the Chinese Government.

The amount involved is approximately U.S.\$1,000,000. — Reuter.

REJECTION OF NAZI DEMARCHE ANGERS BERLIN

New York, To-day.

The refusal of the United States Government to apologise for the anti-Nazi speech of the Secretary of Interior, and the latter's recent speech, have found support from many Democratic Senators.

Senator Key Pittman has issued a personal statement that the American people did not like any dictatorial government, and that the American people would not tolerate any attacks made by Germany against the American country and its leaders.

In Berlin, says a despatch from the Nazi capital, official Nazi quarters decline to comment on the United States refusal to apologise for the speech.

TAKEN SERIOUSLY

It is understood, however, that the refusal is taken very seriously by the German Foreign Office, where it forms the subject of careful deliberation.

Political quarters describe the development as an act "wantonly seeking conflict with Germany." — Reuter.

SHARP CHINESE REJECTION OF KONOYE "PEACE OFFER"

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.

THE JAPANESE PREMIER KONOYE'S STATEMENT ON JAPAN'S POLICY TOWARD CHINA IS BITTERLY CRITICISED BY A SPOKESMAN OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

The spokesman says he sees no difference between what was expounded by Premier Konoye in his statement and Japan's established policy toward China, which is one of infringing China's sovereignty.

While professing respect for China's sovereignty, the spokesman pointed out, Japan insists on carrying on military operations in China and establishing bogus governments.

Again, while declaring that she has no territorial ambition in China, Japan demands that Japanese troops be stationed in Chinese territory, and that Inner Mongolia be marked out as a special area. The spokesman said that this is only another way by which Japan hopes to realise her territorial ambition in China.

With regard to Japan's demand for freedom of residence and trade on the part of Japanese subjects in the interior of China, the spokesman stated that this must be viewed in the light of Japan's true intention in China which is for economic penetration, making use of her military force and the puppet governments. Such a method of economic penetration has already been tested by Japan in Manchuria.

Japan's declaration that she does not intend to exercise an economic monopoly in China nor to limit the interests of third Powers in China cannot be trusted. It is made at this juncture to calm the international unfavourable attitude toward her. If one looks into the present conditions in Manchuria, and Japan's disregard of the interests of third Powers in China during the past year, one will at once realise the falsity of the declaration, the spokesman concluded. — Central News.

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Giant Pandas Arrive In London

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They are now comfortably housed in the London Zoo in a special sun-ray lighted chamber in the sanatorium.

They were brought by Major Floyd-Smith, the well-known American naturalist, who succeeded in catching them, and brought them with infinite difficulty to Hong Kong, where they were sent on board the "Antenor."

"Beauty," weighing 300 lbs., and probably five years old, is the only full-grown animal, the others being cubs of a few months.

They stood the voyage well in spite of the impossibility of providing bamboo shoots, their natural food.

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Fortunately they readily accepted fresh cornstalks and apples, while Major Floyd-Smith also invented a synthetic bamboo biscuit containing the necessary carbohydrates, which the Pandas devoured with every appearance of enjoyment.

They are gentle and playful but very lazy animals, and prefer to take food grasped in the paws while lying on their backs.

IN QUARANTINE

It is understood that the London Zoo has bought one of the animals for £1,000.

Destination of the others has not been decided, but all will be temporarily on exhibition when quarantine in the sanatorium is ended.—Reuter.

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EXCHANGE CONTROL FUND

New York, To-day.

The Secretary of Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, stated yesterday that he would recommend extension of the Treasury's authority to operate the Stabilisation Fund beyond the present date of expiry, namely June 30, 1939.—Reuter.

PLANS FOR CHAMBERLAIN'S ROME VISIT

Rome, To-day.

The Villa Madama, the residence reserved for distinguished visitors, is to be prepared for the visit to Rome of Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary.

The programme includes a dinner at the Palazzo Venezia, followed by a reception and a gala performance at the Opera.

A sightseeing tour and a display by Italian youth are also contemplated.

The British party will arrive in Rome on the afternoon of January 11, and will leave on January 14.

Mr. Chamberlain will return to London, and Lord Halifax will go to Geneva to attend the League Council, which starts on January 16.—Reuter.

age. Her husband, Elias Disney (80), and a maid, were found unconscious at her side. Both have been taken to hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Disney were found by the maid, who was nearly overcome by the fumes, herself before she was able to summon aid. Both the maid and Mr. Disney are expected to recover.

Police say that the gas escaped from a faulty connection in a furnace.

WALT DISNEY'S MOTHER GASED

Mrs. Flora Disney, mother of Walt Disney, originator of the film cartoons, was found dead in her home in Hollywood. She had apparently been overcome by gas.

Mrs. Disney was 71 years of



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THE NEXT STEP?

Mussolini has taken his anti-French campaign a stage further by announcing the denunciation of the Anglo-Italian Agreement of 1935, using as an excuse the fact that, although France had carried out her side of the bargain, there had never been an exchange of ratifications.

Il Duce's tactics, however, will deceive few. They represent palpably the Fascist version of the methods employed by the Nazis in carrying out their designs on Austria and Czechoslovakia. Cries of "Tunisia and Corsica" which have become an inspired Italian habit, are no doubt part of the propaganda which Mussolini has manufactured in the last few months. Since the conquest of Abyssinia, Italian prestige in Mediterranean Africa has risen high. The first taste of success has apparently whetted Il Duce's ambition. Hitler's triumphs in Central Europe have given it a keener edge. What his comrade of the axis has done nearer home, Il Duce hopes to emulate in North Africa. An Italian Empire stretching along the south Mediterranean littoral would be at once the reply and the parallel to the Nazi hegemony on the Continent.

The French Protectorate of Tunisia has a population of 3,000,000 which is mainly Moslem. There are in addition 200,000 Frenchmen and an equal number of Italians. But while the Tunisians have adapted themselves to the ways of their rulers and have prospered by the contact, there have recently been occasions when Italian propaganda has attempted to wreck this understanding. On his visit to Libya last year Mussolini posed as the champion of Islam against its European "oppressors." Il Duce's latest move is an attempt to enforce that claim. Profiting by the internal disorders in France and the economic distress there, he began hoping perhaps that a more display of truculence would

win the day for him. But as shown the other methods are being tried. France has not prepared to be brow-beaten so easily.

Ever since the Munich settlement questions have been raised as to how any system of inclusive, multilateral trade could continue to live side by side with the exclusive, bilateral system practiced by the totalitarian states. With the anticipated spread of German power over Central and Eastern Europe half a dozen nations in that area will find it increasingly difficult to trade with other countries.

The Reich's barter plan compels other countries which trade with her to centre on furnishing what Germany wants and to take in exchange what Germany wants to export. There is no freedom for the normal triangular trade, to sell to Germany and buy from a third country to which Germany might in turn sell. It is as if the grocer and the shoemaker had to exchange goods instead of each buying his supplies where he could find the most suitable at the best price. The system is virtually a denial of the basic principles of trade. It abandons most of the advantages of specialisation and division of labour.

Any fundamental appeasement must find a way by which this totalitarian economic world, now extended and strengthened, can live peaceably with the democratic trade world. Yet there are direct frictions between the two systems which should be faced, if they are to be removed. The totalitarian system tends to force every state which comes within its trade orbit to regiment its own internal economy. On the other hand the freer trade system inevitably affects those who try to be self-sustained. Here is the area where the stress between democracy and dictatorship passes from ideals to interests, from words to acts. Here indeed is the test of appeasement.

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Footlighting War

Shakespeare has not been without his comment on the recent international crisis. At the very moment when the European situation wore its most immediately menacing hue, two of his plays dealing with war were presented in London theatres. They were very different plays; they were produced in different circumstances; and they met with different receptions.

"Henry V", which with magnificent rhetoric deals with war under the aspect of romantic pageantry, was put on at Drury Lane, and employed all the scenic resources and histrionic splendours of one of the greatest stages in the world; "Troilus and Cressida," on the other hand, which expresses an utter disillusionment with the horror and futility of war, was presented with scarcely any scenery at all in a theatre of considerably less fame than Drury Lane.

"Troilus and Cressida" has lines that are familiar in men's mouths as house-hold words—lines like: "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin." But in spite of this, it is a play whose popular appeal is normally far less than that of "Henry V". Yet on this occasion it was "Troilus" that had the more prosperous run, perhaps an illuminating commentary on the attitude of ordinary people toward war.

"THE GERMAN SWORD ALONE CAN GUARD THE GERMAN LAND"

(Continued from Page 2)

German people will dwell in freedom and plenty, not pressed together like the factory coolies of another hemisphere.

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And without their army, where would the Germans be? Deprive ten generations of the discipline and education of military training and the nation would lose its independent existence on this planet. The German spirit would manifest itself under the flags of foreigners, its origin would be lost in oblivion.

Therefore not only for its safety, but for its very being, the German Power must be a military Power. Right consists in might. "In perpetual conflict the human race has grown to greatness. In perpetual peace it collapses into ruin."

These articles appearing in the Evening Standard are an examination of the policy expounded in "Mein Kampf," based on both the original German version and the special translated English edition. The English translation is published by Hurst and Blackett at 5s.

On Monday Hitler discusses Religion.

SPIES WATCH ON SHIPS FOR SPAIN

NEW LIGHT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF FRANCO'S PIRATES IN THE NORTH SEA IS LIKELY TO BE SHED AT THE TRIAL OF THE 14 PEOPLE—11 GERMANS AND THREE DANES—ACCUSED OF SPYING.

Main charge is of having organised a naval intelligence service in Denmark aimed at friendly foreign Powers.

Actually, the authorities believe that the spy ring was operating against Britain, but practised its efficiency by reporting on the movement of Spanish and Russian ships trading with Republican ports in Spain.

Information was wirelessly sent to Franco's fleet, whose subsequent movements were guided by the spies from their headquarters.

Observation posts, it is stated, were set up in Copenhagen, Aarhus, Nyborg, Elsinore and other places. Every Spanish and Russian steamer leaving port and sailing westward was reported to the rebel fleet.

IN SWEDEN, TOO

The spy ring, the police allege, had spread to Sweden, and was established in Stockholm, Gothenburg and Malmö.

How successfully the system worked was shown not only in the sinking of the Cantabria by the rebel trawler Nadir, but also in the fact that a few days ago two Spanish ships "shadowed" in the Baltic sought shelter—one in Stockholm and the other Bergen, Norway.

One of the accused is a former German officer, Captain Horst von Pflugk-Harttung, who was implicated in the murder of the German Socialists, Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, and some years later in gun-running for the reactionary "Munch Corps" in Sweden.

For the latter escapade he was expelled from Sweden. Afterwards he found refuge in Denmark, where he has since maintained himself, officially, as correspondent of the Berlin "Borsen Courier."

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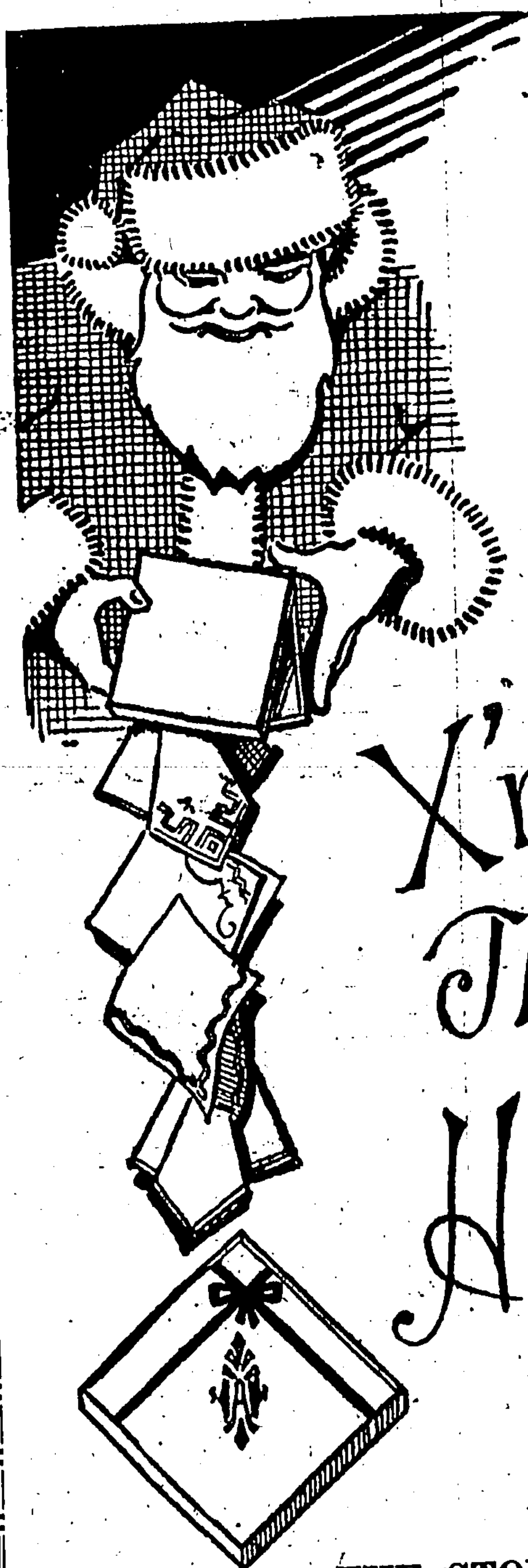
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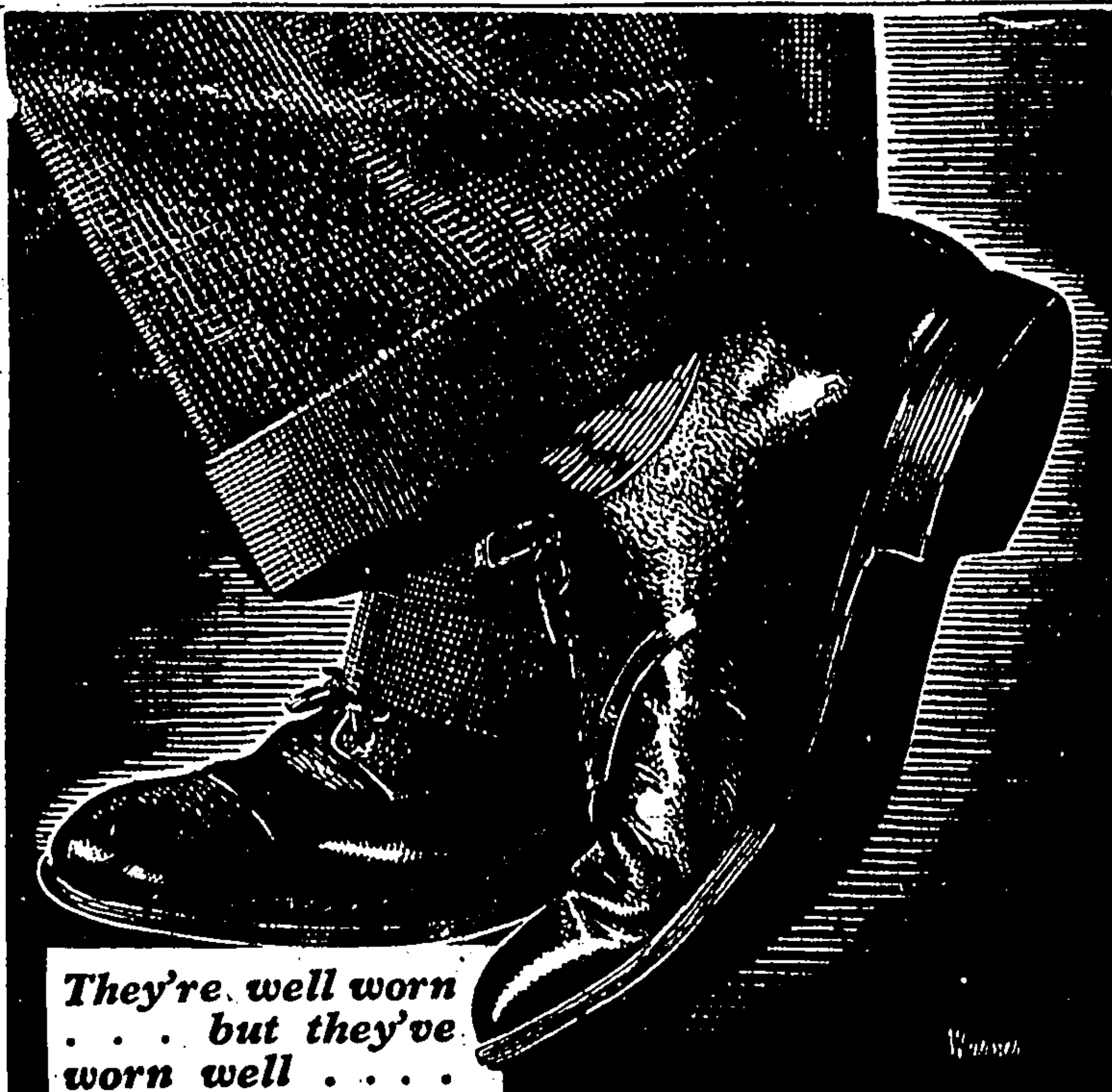
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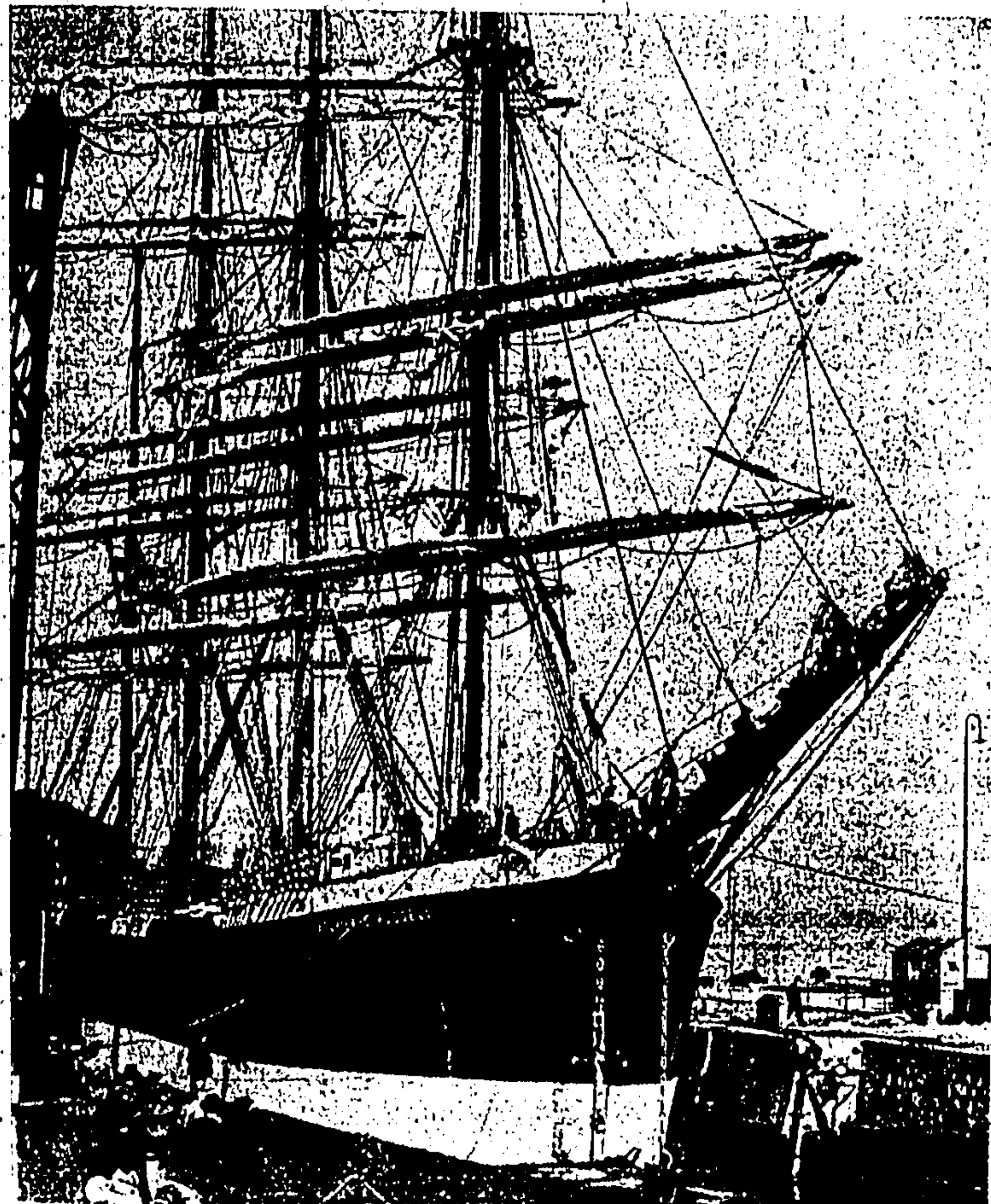
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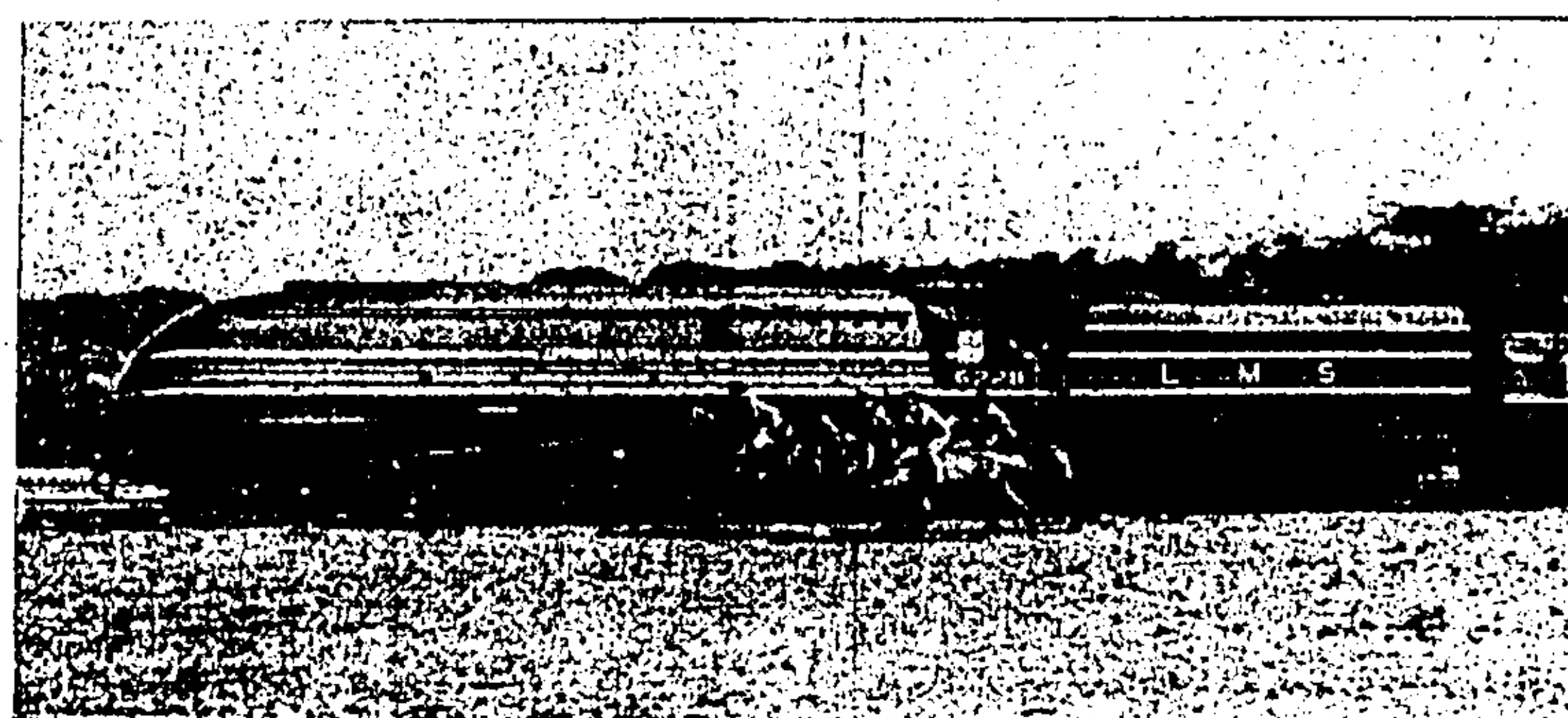
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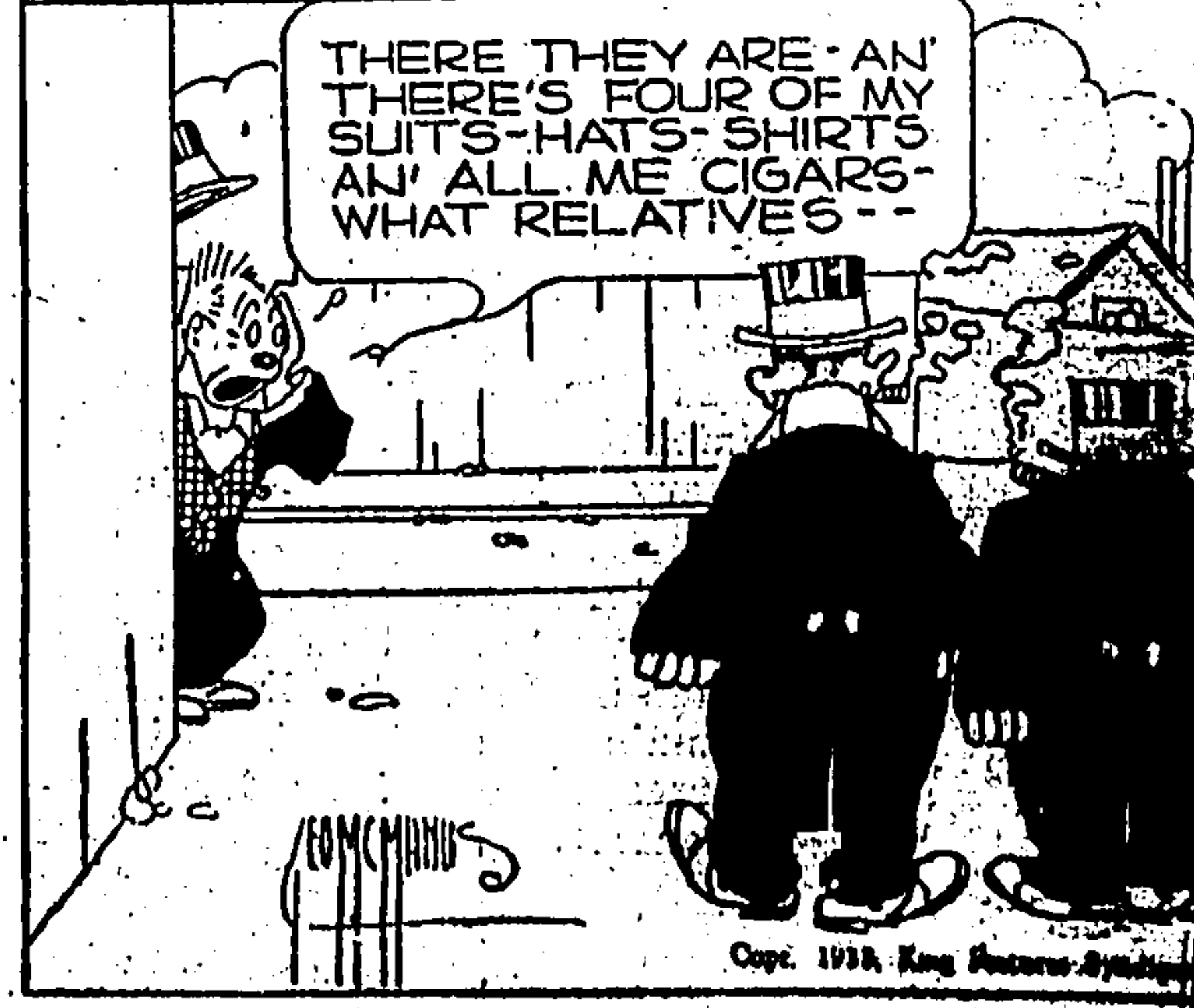
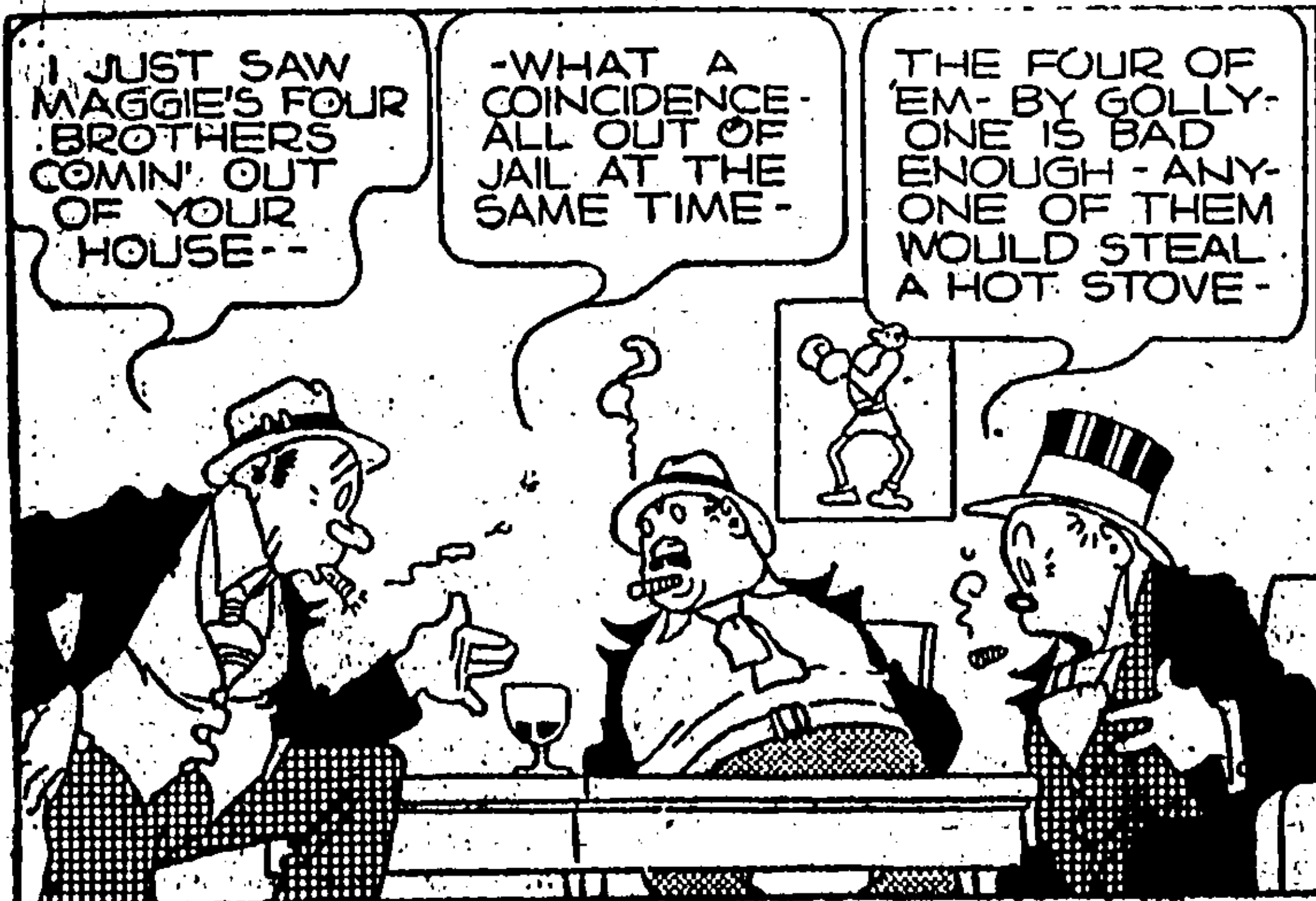
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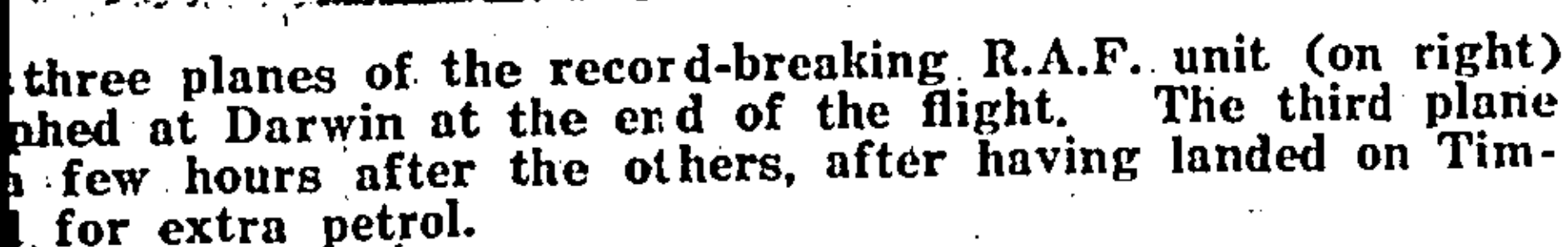
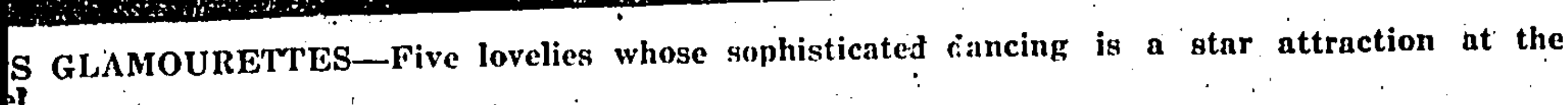
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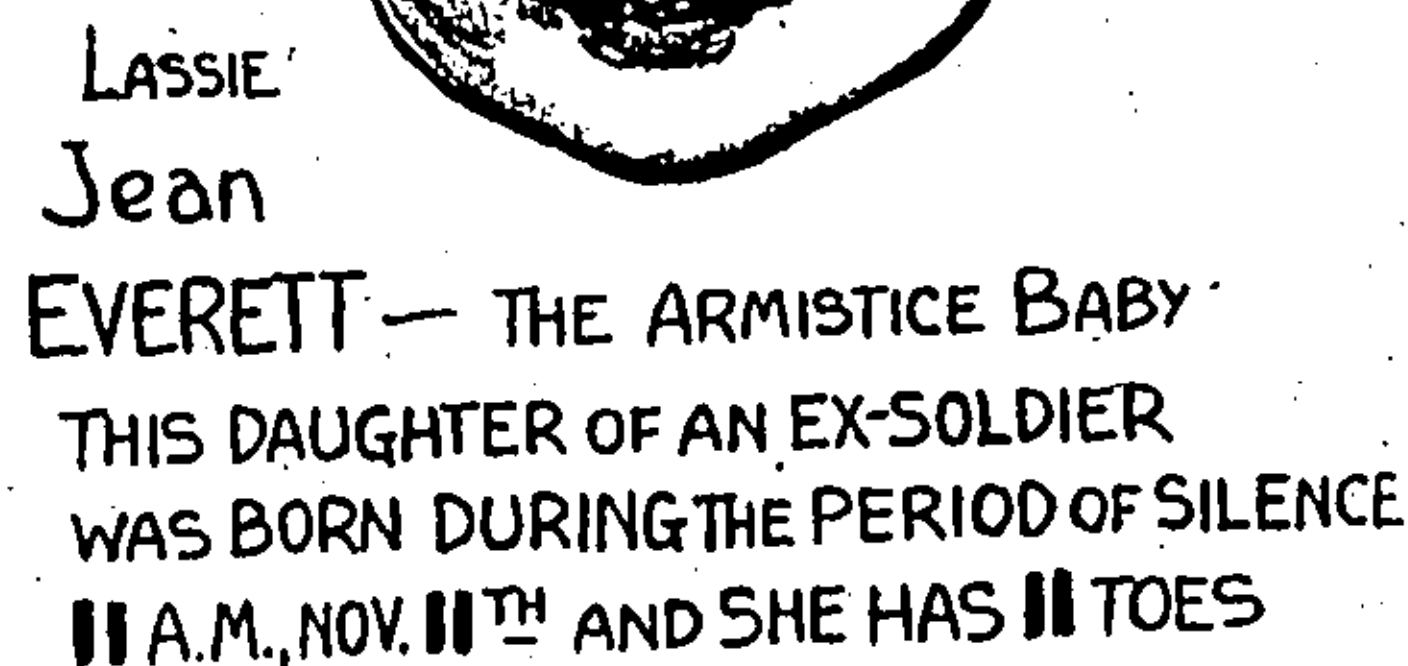
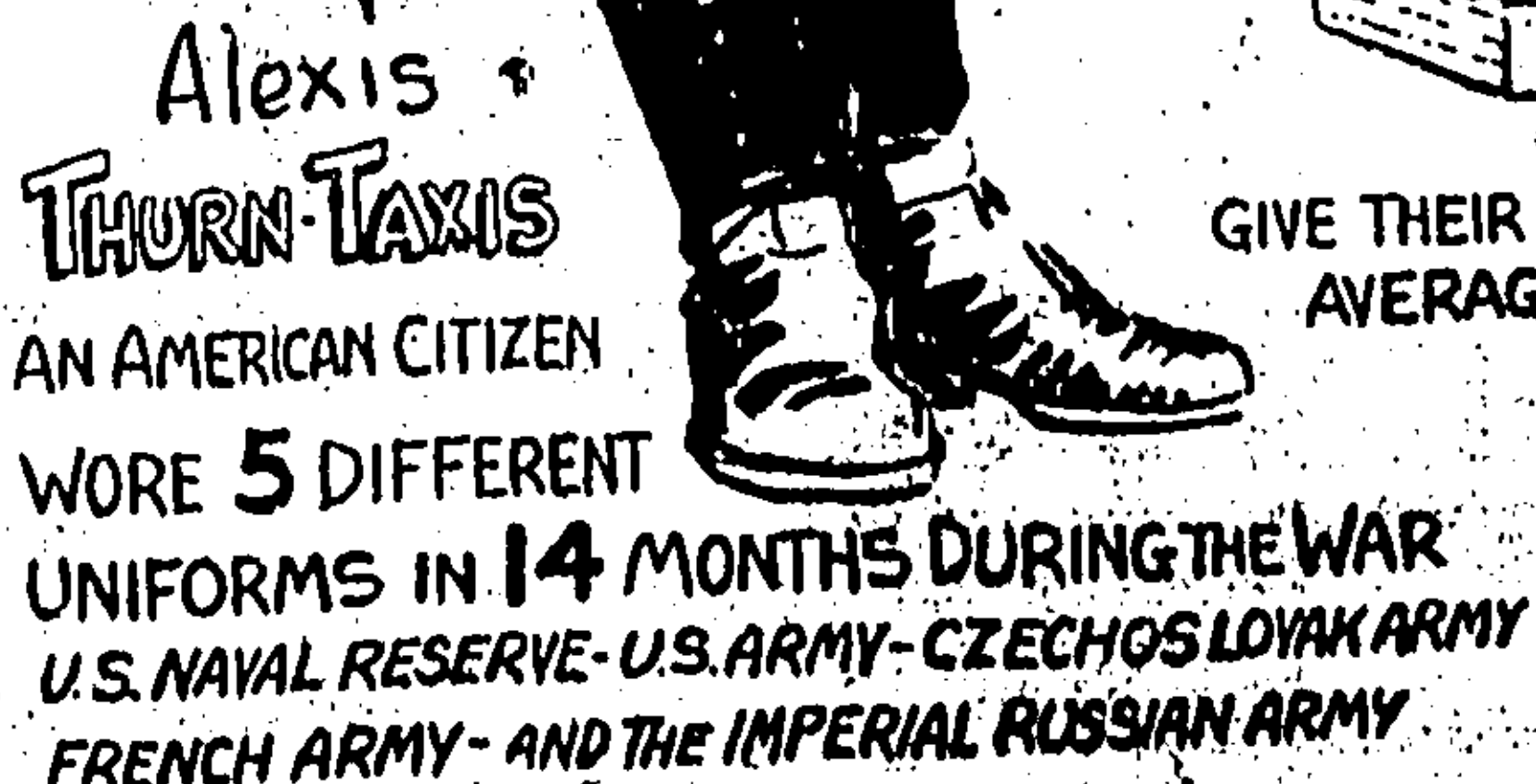
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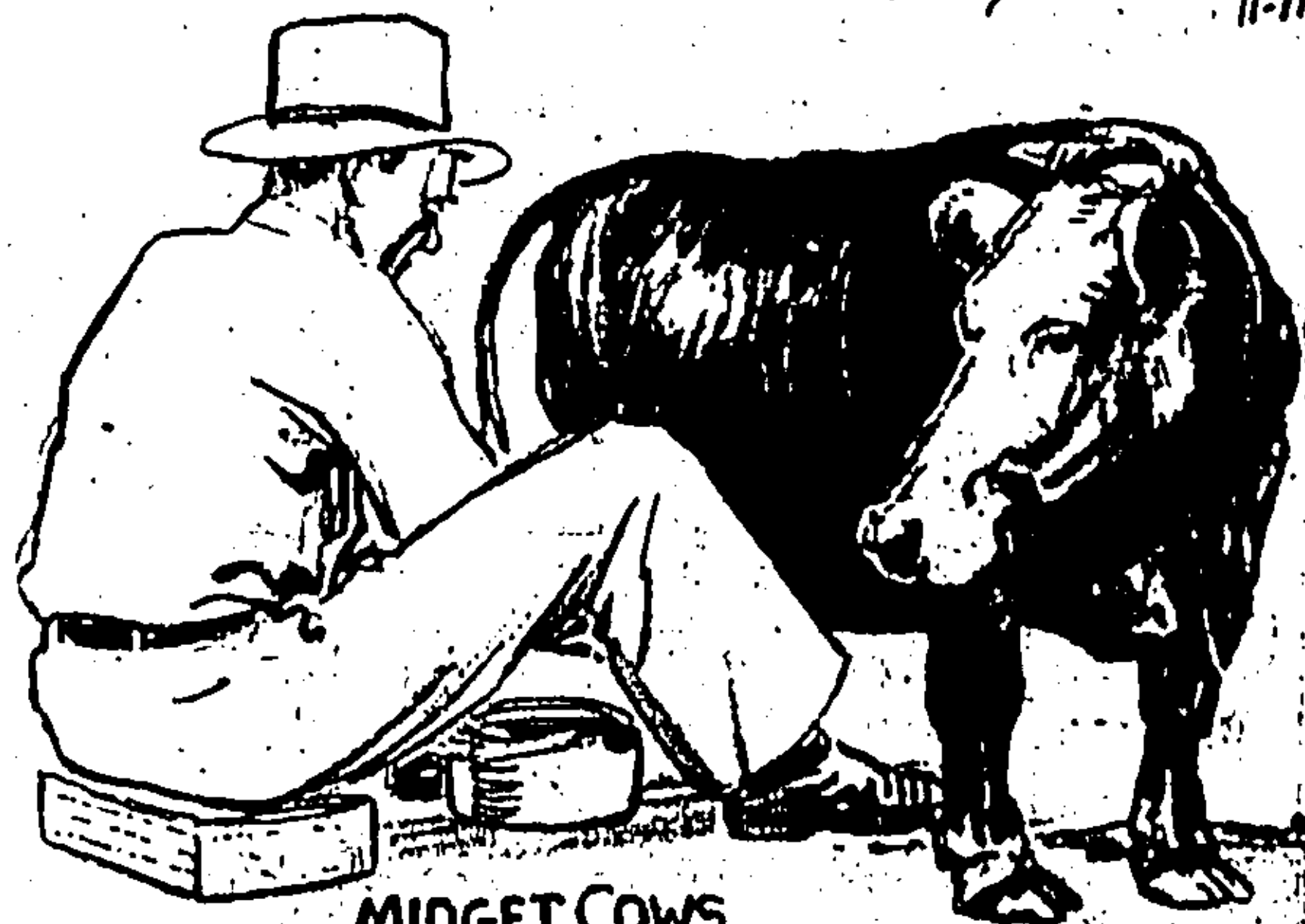
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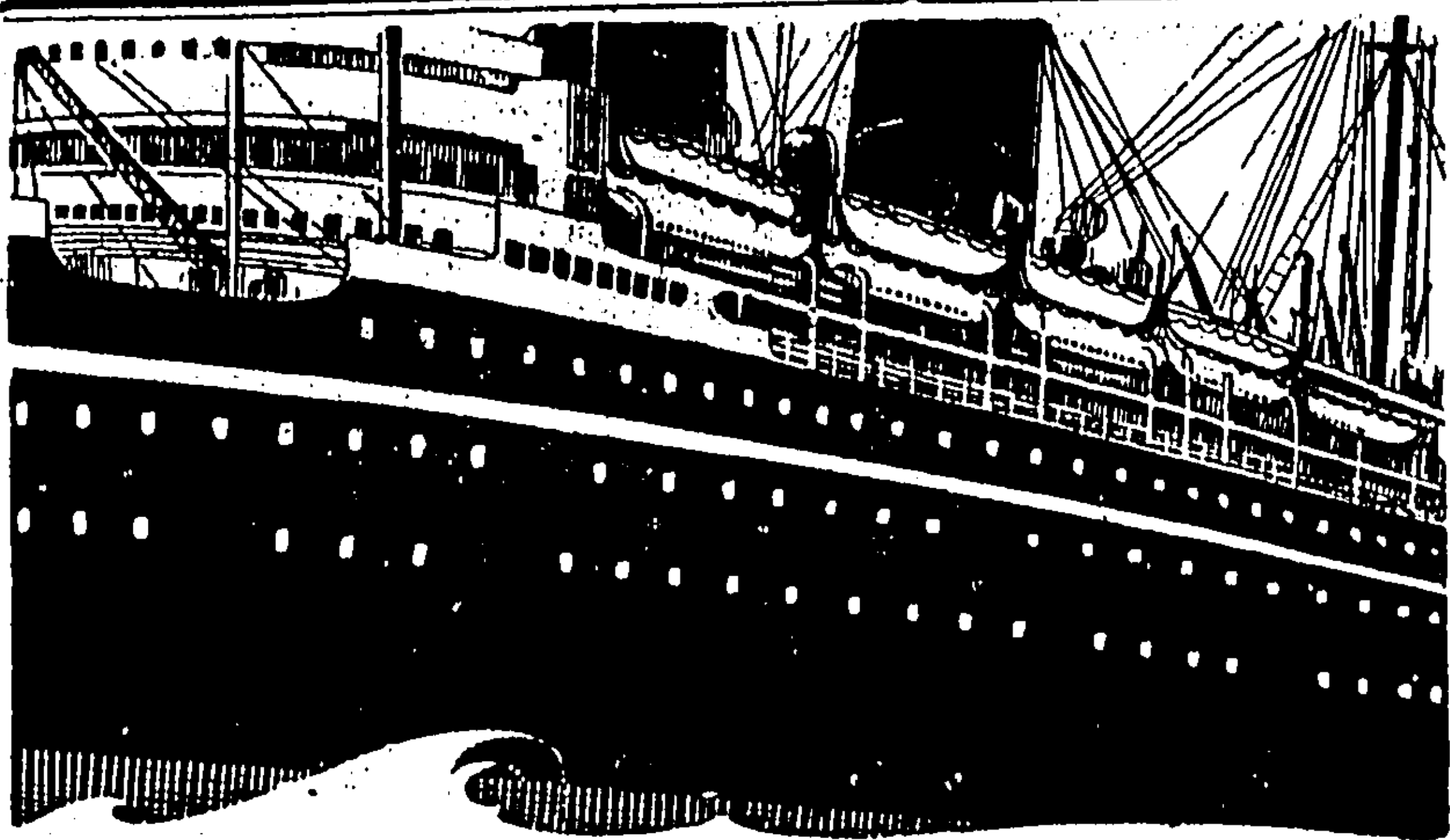
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RANCHI	17,000	20th Jan.	Shanghai & Japan.
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INWARD MAILS

Japan	Atuta Maru	December 24.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard	Yunnan	December 24.
Japan	Tusima Maru	December 24.
Japan and Shanghai	Marechal Joffre	December 24.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 18th Dec.	Imperial Airways Plane	December 25.
Shanghai and Swatow	Szechuen	December 25.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—San Francisco date, 2nd Dec.	Pres. Taft	December 25.
Manila	Phemius	December 25.
Straits	Bhutan	December 25.
Amoy	Tjinegara	December 25.
Amoy	Tjisaroea	December 25.
Shanghai and Amoy	Taiyuan	December 26.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Hoihow	Kiangsu	December 26.
Japan and Shanghai	Menestheus	December 26.
Manila	Pleasantville	December 26.
Japan	British Monarch	December 26.
Haiphong	Canton	December 27.
Bangkok and Hoihow	Kalgan	December 27.
Straits	Van Heutsz	December 27.
Tientsin and Swatow	Hupei	December 28.
Manila	Potsdam	December 28.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 22nd Dec.	Imperial Airways Plane	December 28.

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For	Per	Date and Time.
SATURDAY		
Air Mail for "Air France Service"—due Marseilles, 8th January, 1939.	Marechal Joffre	Sat., Dec. 24, G.P.O. and K.P.O.
	Par.	Dec. 24, 1.30 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 24, 2 p.m.
Saigon	Marechal Joffre	Dec. 24, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Suixang	Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
SUNDAY		
Swatow and Shanghai	Sinkiang	Dec. 25, 8.30 a.m.
Tientsin	Kwaisang	Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Taft	Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
MONDAY		
Shanghai and Japan	Bhutan	Dec. 26, 1 p.m.
Saigon	Helikon	Dec. 26, 1 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 2nd January, 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Dec. 26, K.P.O. and G.P.O.
	Reg.	Dec. 26, Noon.
	Ord.	Dec. 26, 1 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 2nd January, 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Dec. 26, K.P.O. and G.P.O.
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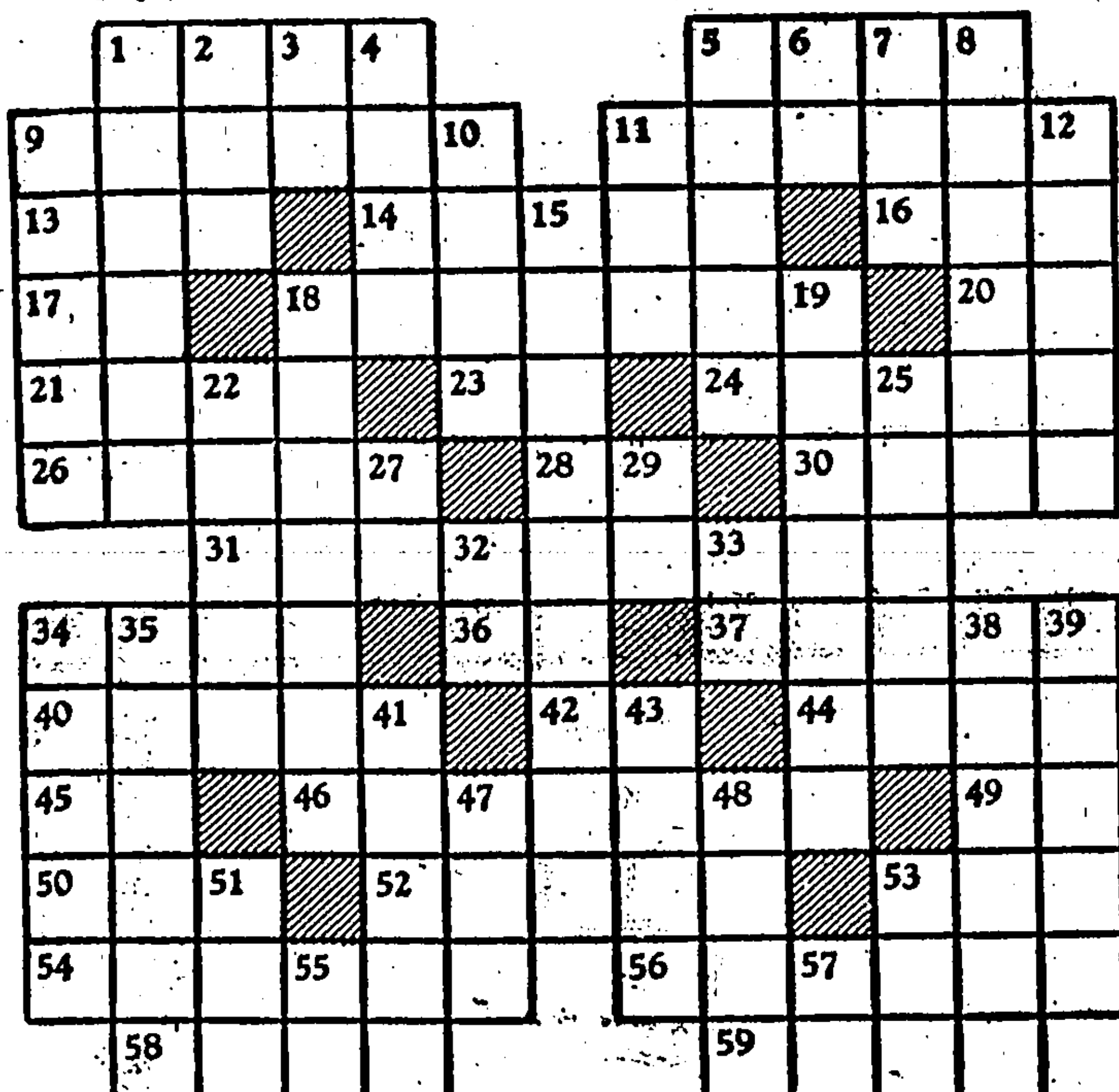
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- 5 Trunk of tree
- 9 One of a breed of dogs
- 11 Aged
- 13 Mountain in Crete
- 14 Runs
- 16 To stop up
- 17 Earth goddess
- 18 Sharp replies
- 20 Note of scale
- 21 At this place
- 23 Half an em
- 24 To guide
- 26 Grin
- 28 Chinese dynasty
- 30 Goals
- 31 Agitated
- 32 To unlock
- 34 Bone
- 37 To run off
- 40 Havens
- 42 Part of "be"
- 44 Greek god
- 45 Spanish article
- 46 Bent

VERTICAL

- 49 Guido's low note
- 50 Inlet
- 52 Having beard
- 53 Land unit
- 54 To make confident
- 56 Meal
- 58 Deer
- 59 Tailless amphibian

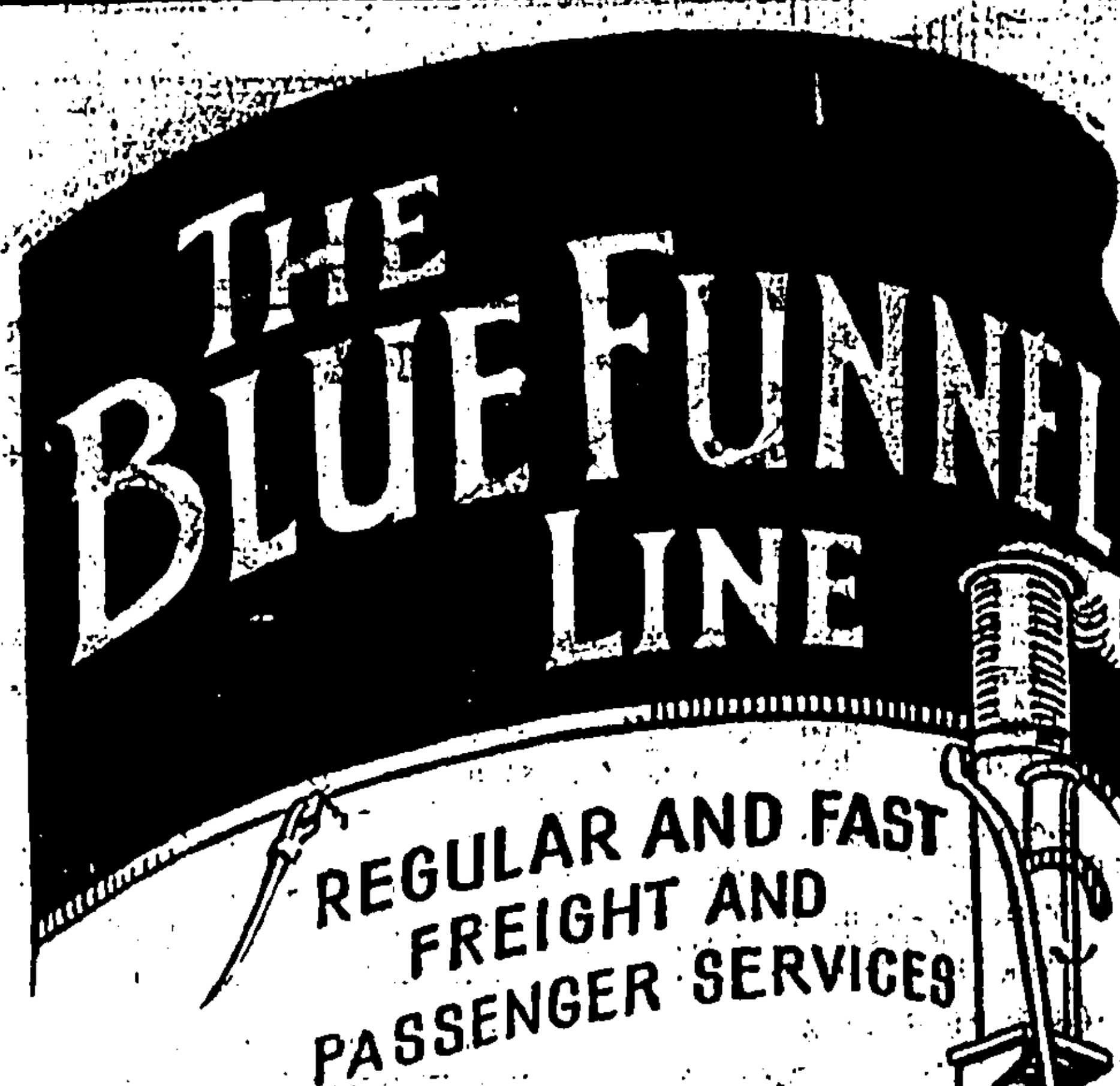
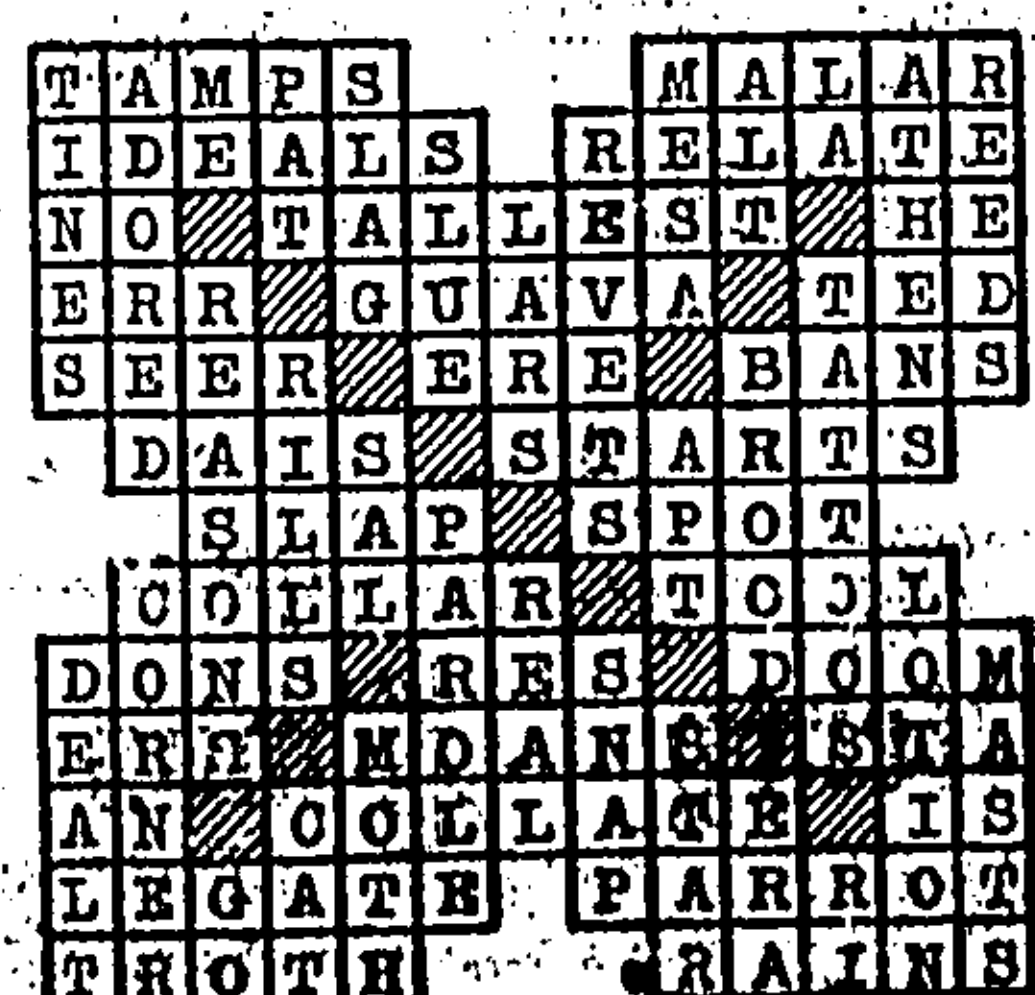
VERTICAL

- 1 Purchase back
- 2 Greek letter
- 3 By
- 4 French for "father"
- 5 Defeats
- 6 Preposition
- 7 Cover
- 8 Cheered

VERTICAL

- 9 Laments
- 10 Scale
- 11 Weight of India
- 12 Mohammedan leaders
- 15 Disorder
- 18 Softens
- 19 Hardened
- 22 More mature
- 25 Home of Saul's witch
- 27 Teutonic deity
- 29 Conjunction
- 32 Preposition
- 33 To exist
- 34 Musical work
- 35 Refinement
- 38 Rained hard
- 39 Compound ether
- 41 To begin
- 43 Hastened
- 47 To be indebted to
- 48 To revise
- 51 Man's name
- 53 Literary notes
- 55 Handed
- 57 Negative

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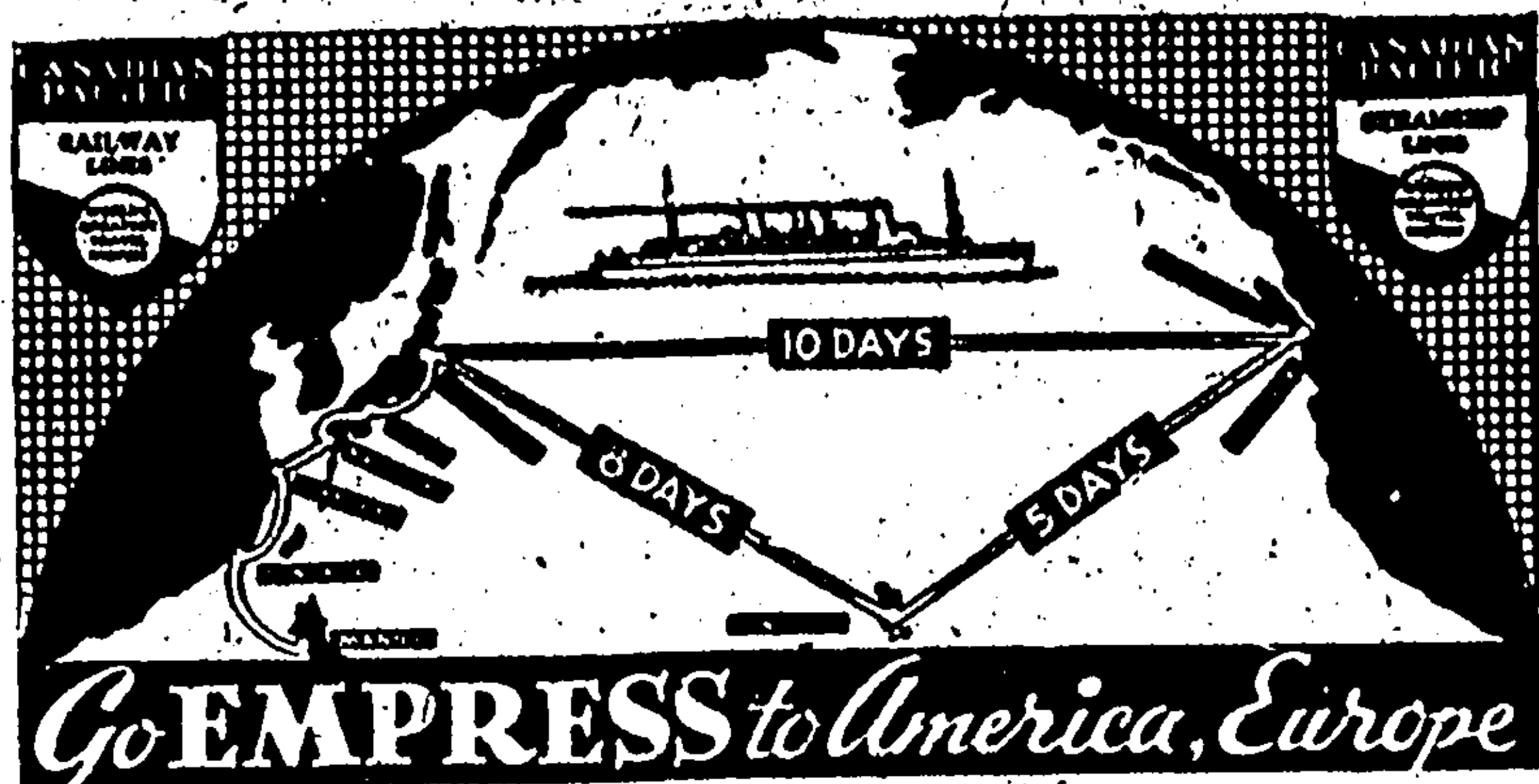
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La Plata Maru Thur., 29th Dec.
Manila Maru 3rd Jan. 39.
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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON SERMON

SUBJECT:—"CHRISTIAN SCIENCE"

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches, tomorrow December 25 will be "Christian Science."

The Golden Text will be:—"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." (Isaiah 9:2).

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible:—"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:13, 14, 16).

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Text-book:—"Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy:—"Jesus established what he said by demonstration, thus making his acts of higher importance than his words. He proved what he taught. This is the Science of Christianity. Jesus proved the Principle which heals the sick and casts out error, to be divine. Few, however, except his students understood in the least his teachings and their glorious proofs, namely, that Life, Truth, and Love (the Principle of this unacknowledged Science) destroy all error, evil, disease, and death. We need to understand the affirmation of divine Science, dismiss superstition, and demonstrate truth according to Christ." (Pages 473 and 149).

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First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hong Kong, (a Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Mass.) No. 31 Macdonnell Road, close to Peak Tram Station. Sunday Service 11.15 a.m. The Sunday School is held at 10 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 6 p.m. A Reading Room is located in the Church Building and is open on Monday to Friday inclusive from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. All authorised Christian Science literature is available at the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

OUTSTANDING SUCCESS OF ST. ANDREW'S BALL

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is not only retrograde but impracticable because we have long since beaten all our battle-axes and lances into mashies and niblicks, and Bannockburn and Flodden have been replaced by Twickenham and Wembley, Murrayfield and Hampden, St. Andrews and Deal, Fan Ling and Kowloon Bowling Green.

OUR MAINSPRING

It remains for me to thank those whose labours have made to-night's undertaking possible. First there is our mainspring—the mainspring not only of the Ball but of our society—that Prince of Secretaries, Eric Bryden and his able assistant, David Robb. Nor must we forget Pipe Major Mackie and his big-lunged fellow-blowers without whom this gathering would lose its distinctive Scottish tang. We also thank the convenors of the Wine and Supper Committee Lieutenant Parkinson and Mr. David Prophet. Our decorating is still supervised by a member of the Duncan family and the highest compliment I can pay "Andy" Duncan is to say that he is now as useful and essential to the Society as his famous father "Geordie" was for so many years.

Your Excellencies, Ladies and gentlemen I now ask you to rise and drink the toast: "To the Pious and Immortal Memory of St. Andrew."

H.K. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

Orders by Lieut. Colonel H. B. Rose, M.C. Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Friday, 23rd December, 1938.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION

The Hon. Director of Medical Services proposes to build up a panel of blood donors whose service would be available if needed in the Colony. Volunteers are required. Full particulars of the scheme have been issued to Unit Commanders. All those willing to assist are requested to forward their names to their Unit Commanders as early as possible.

MESS DRESS

Winter Mess Dress will be taken into wear with effect from 21st December.

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MACHINE GUN SIGNALS

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PROMOTION & APPOINTMENT

1747, L/Cpl., T. R. Ingram, A. Car Section, Corporal, 23.12.38.
2655, L/Cpl., R. E. Stott, No. 4. M. G. Coy, Col./Sgt. (C.Q.M.S.), 23.12.38.

TRANSFERS

Captain J. K. Bousfield, A. S. C. Coy, Reserve of Officers, 23.12.38.
2973, Pte., T. B. M. Conolly, A. Car Sec., Unit Reserve, 12.9.38.
2655, L/C., R. E. Stott, A. Car Sec., No. 4 M. G. Coy, 16.12.38.
2788, Pte., H. B. Powis, Medical Section, Union Reserve, 16.12.38.

LEAVE

2586, L/C., W. R. K. Collins, M. M. G. Platoon, 18.11.38—30.11.38.
3027, Pte., J. R. Carr, M. M. G. Platoon, 21.11.38—29.11.38.
2141, Pte., J. F. Hickman, M. M. G. Platoon, 21.11.38—29.11.38.
2707, Sigm., H. F. Venables, M. G. Signals, 21.11.38—29.11.38.
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2853, Sigm., R. Tam, M. G. Signals, 21.11.38—29.11.38.

STRENGTH—DECREASE

1737, Sgt., R. B. Brown, Pay Section, 20.12.38.

STRENGTH—INCREASE

3225, Pte. G. A. Lomaev, M.M.G. Platoon, 9.12.38.

3226, Spr. Yuen Siu Lau, R.O.D.C., Construction Section, 10.12.38.

S. F. HEDGECOE,
Major,

Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICES

Christmas Greetings
The following message has been received from H.E. the G.O.C.:—"The G.O.C. wishes all ranks a Happy Christmas and Good Luck in the New Year."

Far East Trophy Match—H.K. Rifles Association.

The following members of the Corps have been selected to represent the Colony in the Far East Trophy Match.

S.R. (b) Team—Captain F. P. Sequeira.

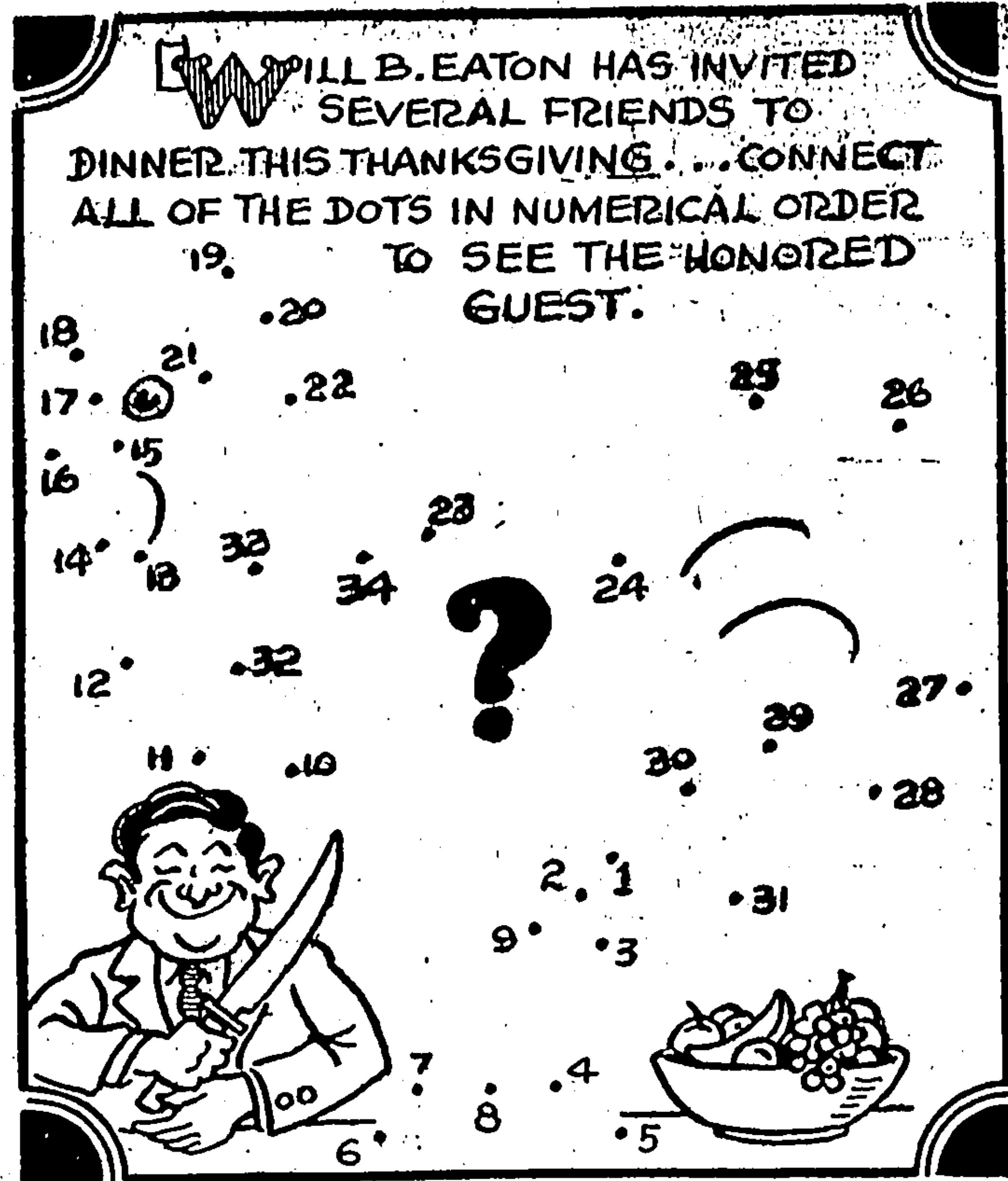
S.R. (a) Team—Pte. V. W. Hammond.

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The next lecture on First Aid will be

CHILDREN'S PUZZLE

Answer to yesterday's puzzle: 1—beans; 2—rolls; 3—beats; 4—potatoes; 5—cake; 6—gravy; 7—cucumbers; and 8—cranberries.

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TO-DAY

First Division

St. Joseph's v Club

(St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.)

Referee: Hooper.

Linesmen: McLaughlan and Sze

Po Wai.

Middlesex v South China "A"

(Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)

Referee: Finch.

Linesmen: Wilson and Purnell.

Police v South China "B"

(Boundary Road, 4 p.m.)

Referee: Hinchliffe.

Linesmen: W. Somerville and Dove.

Navy v Kwong Wah

(Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.)

Referee: Omar.

Linesmen: Borletto and Wilken.

Second Division

Police v R.A.O.C.

(Boundary Road, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee: Clark.

St. Joseph's v Club

(St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee: Stedman.

Middlesex v South China

(Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee: Kossick.

Third Division "A"

Royal Scots v Electric

(Military, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee: Silva.

Third Division "B"

R.E. (E.) v Signals

(Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee: Demme.

R.A.F. v Stonecutters

(Prince Edward Road, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee: McGrew.

Kumaon R. v A.S.A.

(Prince Edward Road, 4 p.m.)

Referee: Wyper.

24th R.A. v University

(Chatham Road, 4 p.m.)

Referee: Phillips.

Medicals v Powhattan

(Military, 4 p.m.)

Referee: Aylwin.

Gosanos, N. Beltrao And C.F. Remedios Return

MIDDLESEX—SOUTH CHINA "A" CLASH TO-DAY'S BIG FEATURE

(By "REFEREE")

FOLLOWING their sensational defeat at the hands of Club last week, Middlesex are not expected to repeat their first round success when they clash with South China "A" in the Senior League to-day at Sookunpoo.

Middlesex have had to re-organised their attack and defence through injuries, while South China "A", shortly to make a trip to Saigon, will have to be at their best in order to retain their position at the top of the table.

The acquisition of Tang Kwong-sum, on the right-wing this season, has considerably strengthened their attack, while Lau Tau-man, who made his debut this season on the left-wing, is a deadly marksman and likely to give Middlesex defence many anxious moments.

St. Joseph's, who occupy the bottom berth in the First Division table, are fielding a very much strengthened team to-day against Club, conquerors of Middlesex last week, and, unless I am very much mistaken, will leave the field winners.

THEIR COMEBACK

A. V. Gosano, N. A. Beltrao, B. Gosano, who arrived in the Colony yesterday morning on two weeks leave, and C. F. Remedios, Shanghai Interport right-half, will all be making an appearance to-day in preparation for their "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup clash against Ireland on Monday.

The Saints, who are still in the Senior Shield competition, have a good chance of entering the next round if they are able to field these four players.

Club will be strengthened by the

TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR "SUNDAY HERALD" CLASSIC

The Traffic Department have arranged "one way traffic" to Sookunpoo during the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup game between Scotland and China, on Tuesday.

Entrance will only be via the wide entrance near the Po Leung-kuk and the exit through Caroline Hill Road.

inclusion of F. A. Fowler, at centre-forward, otherwise their team remains unchanged from last week.

MATCH POSTPONED

Navy, who will still be able to field a very strong team, should easily account for Kwong Wah, while South China "B" are favoured to take both points off Police in their away fixture, although they will have to be at their best to do so.

The Royal Scots v. Kowloon match has been postponed as Sookunpoo is being used for the Middlesex-South China "A" match.

TWO IMPORTANT JUNIOR LEAGUE SOCCER GAMES

South China Meet Middlesex

Two very important soccer games are featured in to-day's Junior programme, when Middlesex, champions of the Second Division, meet South China the present leaders, at Sookunpoo, and Air Force, leaders of "B" Section of the Third Division, encounter Stonecutters.

In their first meeting South China beat Middlesex by one goal, but this week the soldiers will be fielding a stronger side which will include Coppard in goal, Haigh, Thomas, who has been chosen for Ireland, Dawes, and should reverse the last result.

SHANGHAI GOALKEEPER

South China will probably have Choy Wing-choy in goal. This player has represented Shanghai on several occasions in representative games and has been invited to tour with the Chinese team to Saigon.

A grand tussle should be witnessed at Prince Edward Road between Air Force and Stonecutters. The former are now leading the Third Division ("B" Section), and a win for them will practically ensure them of the sectional championship, while a win for the Stonecutters team will all also enable 24th Battery, to come into the running.



TO-MORROW'S FANCY DRESS SOCCER MATCH

Humour And History Will Be Blended

Preparations for the Christmas Charity fancy dress comic football match are now completed and, given fair weather, the large crowd that is expected to attend should enjoy a very enjoyable game.

The costumes will be of a varied nature: the Europeans will lay stress on humour, but the Chinese side will be depictive, representing various phases of Chinese life and periods.

The Chinese side is composed of players whose names were famous in football circles many years ago.

Probably the only player taking part in present day football is the well known Lee Wai-tong, but other names include Wong Ki-leung, Lam Yuk-ying, Wong Shiu-wa, Tso Kwai-shing, and Ng Kam-chuen, who will captain the team.

The European side will be skippered by H. Pelham, R. E. who recently played in an Army Trial Game, and his attire as a rough-riding cowboy is expected to daunt the valour of the opposition.

A noted personage will kick-off at the commencement and a well-known Chinese film actress will present the 'Cup & Medals' after the match.

The game is to be played at Caroline Hill on Christmas Day, Kick Off 4 p.m. and prices of admission will be \$2, \$1, & 50 cts.



WEEK-END CRICKET PROGRAMME

Triangular Tourney

(By "ADREM")

CRICKETERS ARE CELEBRATING THIS WEEK-END. AT LEAST THEY ARE GOING TO BE TIED DOWN THIS AFTERNOON.

So far as I can ascertain, only two games are down for decision this afternoon. At Happy Valley, Craigengower entertain Kowloon Cricket Club senior eleven, while at Kowloon, K. C. C. juniors will be at home to the Police.

On Monday, however, cricket enthusiasts will be able to relax and ruminate on past festivities while they watch one of the big games of the year—that between H.K.C.C. and Army—the first match in the annual Triangular Tournament between H.K.C.C., Navy and Army.

Army are probably not quite as strong this year as Navy but are quite capable of giving Club a good run for their money. The latter are fielding their best possible team reinforced by D. McLellan, J. H. Richardson and R. H. Griffiths from Civil Service C.C.

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INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS TO-DAY

Men's Sprints & Hurdles Main Features

Sponsored by South China Athletic Association, the International Athletic Meeting which opens at 11 a.m. this morning should provide one of the outstanding attractions over the holiday week-end, bringing together as it does, all communities and nationalities in friendly contest on track and field.

Outstanding features of to-day's programme should be the initial heats and semi-finals of the Men's 100 metres dash, heats for the Men's 100 Metres High Hurdles and 400 Metres Low Hurdles and the Men's 200 Metres Dash.

The Men's Shot Putt final should also see a good tussle between two Scotsmen J. J. Ferguson and A. J. G. Taylor and the former British and Army champion, W. A. Land.

Ladies' sprint events (heats) will also be featured.

The following is to-day's programme in the International Athletic Meeting, sponsored by S.C.A.A.

Men's 100 metres (heats), 11.00 a.m.

Ladies' 50 metres (heats), 11.15 a.m.

Ladies' throwing baseball (final), 11.25 a.m.

Men's 110 metres high hurdles (heats), 11.40 a.m.

Ladies' high jump (final), 12.05 p.m.
Men's 800 metres (heats), 12.30 p.m.
Ladies' throwing javelin (final), 12.45 p.m.

Men's throwing javelin (final), 1.10 p.m.

Men's 100 metres (semi-finals), 1.15 p.m.

INTERVAL

Men's 400 metres low hurdle (heats), 2.10 p.m.

Ladies' 200 metres (final), 2.20 p.m.

Men's 200 metres (heats), 2.30 p.m.

Men's hop-step and jump (final), 2.45 p.m.

Ladies' hop-step and jump (final), 3.15 p.m.

Men's shot put (final), 3.45 p.m.

Ladies' shot put (final), 4.25 p.m.

Men's 1600 metres relay race (final), 4.25 p.m.

Men's 10,000 metres (final), 4.50 p.m.



CLUB FAVOURED TO BEAT ARMY AT RUGBY TO-DAY

Triangular Tourney Encounter

The second round of the Triangular Rugby Tournament will commence to-day when Club entertain Army on their own ground at the Valley, where they are expected to register another comfortable win.

Army have been weakened by illness and injuries and will field very much the same fifteen, with few changes, as that which went down heavily to Navy last week at Sookunpoo.

It will be recalled that in their first clash, Club trounced Army by 28 points to 3. If they reveal anything like the same form this afternoon, one should expect another colossal score.

Prior to the Triangular Tournament game, Club "A" fifteen will meet a

Navy side. This match which will commence at 2.45 p.m. will be refereed by Dr. J. A. R. Selby, while the Triangular Tournament match, which commences at 4 p.m. sharp, will be refereed by Lt. Comdr. "Tubby" Linton, who formerly captained a victorious Triangular Tournament Navy fifteen.

Army:—L/Sgt. Marshall (R. Scots); Lt. Chiverall (Middlesex); Lt. Gudgeon (Middlesex); Lt. Gibson (R. Scots) and Pte. Ferguson (Middlesex); L/Cpl. Boe (R. Scots) and Pte. Leitch (R.A.O.C.); Lt. Guthbertson (R. Scots) (Capt.), Spr. Pike (R.E.), Pte. Richardson (Seaforths), Gnr. Evans (5th R.A.), Spr. Appley (R.E.), Lt. Crawford (R.C.S.), Lt. D'Oyly (R. Scots) and L/Cpl. Ross (R. Scots).

Reserves:—Spr. Waite (R.E.), Cpl. Pratt (Seaforths) and L/Cpl. Sutherland (R. Scots).

Club 1st XV:—W. M. MacGrath; G. K. Chadwick, H. D. Bidwell (Captain), W. E. Grieve, D. H. Stewart; F. Cessford, J. R. Henderson; K. A. Watson, K. W. Salter, A. J. G. Taylor; E. C. Luscombe, W. E. Peers; H. W. E. Heath, W. B. Richardson, and J. Redman.

Club "A" XV:—J. T. Brown; D. I. Bosanquet, G. S. Wilson, D. Hynes, C. J. Powell; J. Hutchison, R. Rutherford; C. M. Stark, P. W. Burton; R. G. L. Oliphant (Captain); E. A. Bompas, J. Moodie; A. G. Dalziel; K. H. G. White and G. J. P. Carey.

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GOLF STARTING TIMES

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Boxing Day (Monday) and Tuesday:

BOXING DAY

Old Course	
9.16 a.m.	G. E. R. Divett, H. J. D. Lowe.
9.20 "	J. B. Mackie, I. P. Tahworth.
9.24 "	N. D. Lloyd, Col. Collin.
9.28 "	R. H. Gregory, D. Humphreys.
9.32 "	S. H. Dodwell, K. S. Morrison.
9.36 "	A. M. Mack, A. Nicol.
9.40 "	J. H. McElney, I. H. Geare.
9.44 "	E. M. Bryden, F. S. Geldart.
9.48 "	B. O. Baldwin, G. McGrane.
9.52 "	F. Buckle, W. M. Barton.
9.56 "	C. D. N. Walker, G. T. Harrington.
10.00 "	C. C. Black, R. Young.
10.04 "	W. W. C. Shewan, J. Forbes.
10.08 "	T. C. Monaghan, J. W. Mayhew.
10.12 "	F. C. Weller, D. F. Hughes.
10.32 "	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.36 "	G. Riddell Carre, R. S. Harrison.
New Course	
9.24 a.m.	A. V. & Mrs. Greaves.
9.32 "	J. B. Stewart, Miss Weller.
10.08 "	Mrs. Monaghan, Miss Corrigan.
10.16 "	Miss M. Thompson, A. A. Bremner.
10.28 "	Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.
10.36 "	Wing Cdr. Steele Perkins, Col. Matthews.
10.40 "	Mrs. Steele Perkins, J. Steele Perkins.

TUESDAY

Old Course	
9.16 a.m.	G. M. Park, T. F. R. Waters.
9.20 "	A. V. Greaves, A. Murdoch.
9.24 "	J. B. Mackie, A. M. Mack.
9.28 "	F. Groves, J. Stenersen.
9.32 "	C. D. N. Walker, R. G. Gray.
9.36 "	R. H. Gregory, Comdr. Hole.
9.40 "	H. H. Mundy, W. A. Stewart.
9.44 "	C. H. Shafer, H. L. Carson.
9.48 "	J. A. D. Morrison, K. S. Morrison.
9.52 "	S. T. Butlin, T. Low.



LIDLAW'S GOLFING APPOINTMENT

William Laidlaw, assistant to Henry Cotton at Ashbridge, has been appointed professional to the West Herts Club, near Watford. Laidlaw, aged 25, succeeds A. G. Bellworthy, who is resigning after 28 years service. Chosen from 200 applicants, Laidlaw played for Scotland in professional international matches in 1935-36-37. He was Surrey Open Champion in 1935, and tied for seventh place in the Open Championship of 1937.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE WINNER SOLD FOR 750 GUINEAS

(By AIR MAIL)

Newmarket December sales, the biggest clearing-house for bloodstock, opened in quiet fashion. Many buyers for foreign countries were present.

Two attractive lots were the brood mares, Mrs. Freeman and Indira, submitted by Mrs. Florence M. E. Schlesinger. Indira, which is out of Herod's Joy, is believed to be in foal to Dastur. Mr. Meyer bought her for 1350 guineas. Mrs. Freeman is out of the Orby mare, Orclone, and is believed to be in foal to Pay Up. She was sold to Captain Boyd-Rochfort for 1000 guineas.

Two mares by Hurry On sent up by Mr. F. S. Myerscough were also in demand. Call Bell, whose dam Bella Minna won many races, went for 1000 guineas to Mr. Simons Harrison, and the other one, Middle End, which is out of Pride of Inglewood, to Prince Odescalchi for 550 guineas.

There was considerable interest when M. Jacques Meller's Hellenique was led into the ring. This French-bred five-year-old mare was successful in 15 races in her native country before coming over to England and winning the Cambridgeshire two months ago. The Australian bloodstock owner, Mr. Sol Green, secured her for 750 guineas.

The well-known horses in training, Puzzler and Mickey the Greek, were withdrawn at 1050 guineas and 1700 guineas respectively, and the next in the "thousands" was the three-year-old colt Berwick, by Blandford-Arabella, which was purchased by Mr. R. C. Irvine for

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NEXT WEEK'S AND NEW YEAR SOCCER CARD

The following is the local soccer programme up to and including January 4:—

MONDAY, 26TH DEC., 1938
Sunday Herald Charity Cup (Semi-Final)

Portugal v Ireland
(Kowloon, 3.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Ip.

Linesmen:—Finch and Clark.

TUESDAY, 27TH DEC., 1938
Sunday Herald Charity Cup (1st Round)

China v Scotland
(Sookumpoo, 3.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Omar.

Linesmen:—Stedman and Hayelaar.

Second Division

Kwong Wah v R.A.O.C.
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Gamlin.

South China v Royal Scots
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.).

Referee:—Edward.

Eastern v 5th R.A.
(Club, 4 p.m.).

Referee:—Brothwell.

Third Division "A"

South China v 5th R.A.
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Barretto.

R.A.S.C. v Kit Che
(Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Farr.

P.W.D. v 30th R.A.
(Club, 2.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Waldron.

Third Division "B"

Stonecutters v A.S.A.
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Smith.

SATURDAY, 31ST DEC., 1938

Senior Shield 2nd Round

Kowloon v South China "A"
(Kowloon, 4 p.m.).

Referee:—Kossick.

Linesmen:—Phillips and Marriott.

Junior Shield 3rd Round

5th R.A. v P.W.D.
(Sookumpoo, 2.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Finch.

Middlesex v Kowloon
(Sookumpoo, 4 p.m.).

Referee:—Hinchliffe.

S. China "A" v R.E.
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.).

Referee:—Omar.

Second Division

St. Joseph's v Eastern
(St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.).

Referee:—Clark.

Third Division "A"

South China v R.E. (C.)
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Havelaar.

P.W.D. v Electric
(Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Stedman.

Kit Che v 5th R.A.
(Military, 4.00 p.m.).

Referee:—McIlgrew.

Third Division "B"

University v Powhattan
(St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Silva.

R.E. (E.) v A.S.A.
(Military, 2.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Burgess.

SUNDAY, 1ST JANUARY, 1939

Senior Shield 2nd Round

S. China "B" v Eastern
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.).

Referee:—Hooper.

Linesmen:—Barretto and Hartley.

MONDAY, 2ND JANUARY, 1939

Senior Shield 2nd Round

St. Joseph's v Royal Navy
(Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.).

Referee:—McCormack.

Linesmen:—McIlgrew and Burgess.

Club v Police
(Club, 4 p.m.).

Referee:—Ip.

Linesmen:—McIlgrew and Farr.

Second Division

Club v Police
(Club, 2.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Aylwin.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH JAN., 1939

Third Division "B"

Stonecutters v University
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Gamlin.

Third Division "A"

Stanley v 5th R.A.
(Military, 4 p.m.).

Referee:—Waldron.

Junior Shield 3rd Round

24th R.A. v Royal Scots
(Sookumpoo, 2.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Molynau.

1100 guineas. There was nothing of outstanding importance in the last stages of yesterday's session, the prices ranging from 600 guineas down to 5 guineas. The total for the day's sales was 20,044 guineas, compared with 22,908 guineas for the corresponding day last year.



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SOUTH AFRICAN TEST TEAM SELECTED

The members of South Africa's team for the first Cricket Test Match against England, are:

Alan Melville, Captain, Bruce Mitchell, Dudley Nourse, W. Wade, K. Viljoen, P. Vanderbyl, A. B. C. Langton, E. Q. Davies, E. L. Dalton, N. Gordon, G. Bond.

The first eight have also been selected for the second test match, which is to take place in Cape Town on December 31.



HUTTON NOT FOR FIRST TEST

S. Africans Consider Chances Good

Johannesburg, To-day.

Leonard Hutton, the England and Yorkshire bat, who was struck on the head by a ball during the match against Transvaal, will not be playing in the first Test match, which opens against South Africa here to-day.

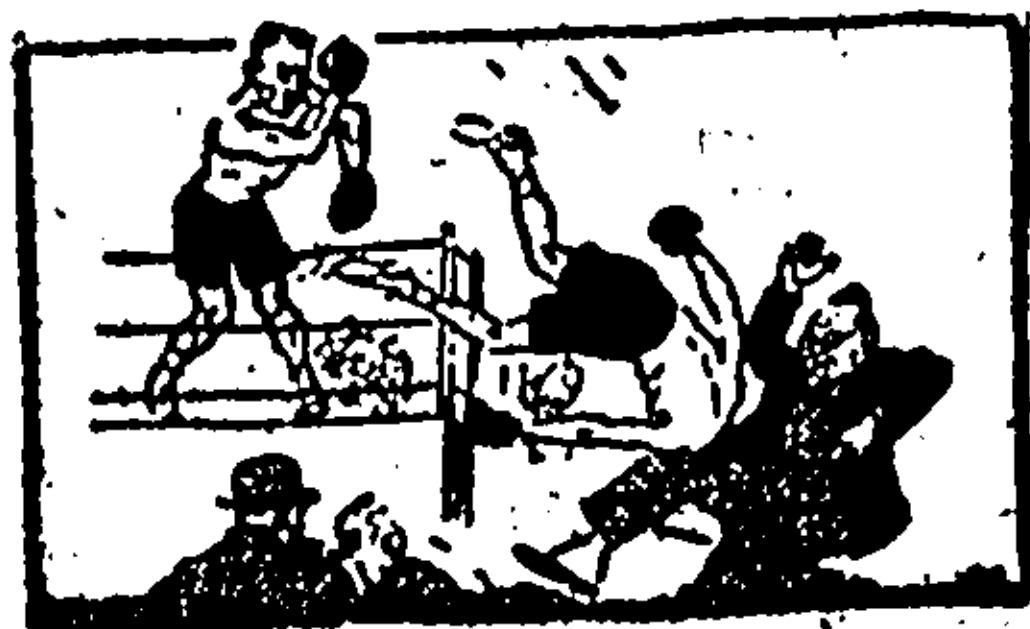
W. R. Hammond, the England captain, said that it would not be wise or fair to Hutton to play him.

The weather is very warm. The turf Test wicket has not been used for three years and the South Africans consider that their chances have been increased by the decision not to play Hutton.

The match should be very even. Leslie Ames will keep wicket for England.—Reuter.

LADIES' SINGLES TENNIS FINAL TO-DAY

The final of the Colony Ladies' Singles Lawn Tennis Championship will be held this afternoon at the U.S.R.C. commencing at 3 p.m. when Mrs. E. G. Clifford will meet Miss M. Griffiths.



BOXING DAY CRICKET

The following will represent Kowloon against the Navy on Monday at 11 a.m.:

1st XI (away).—D. J. N. Anderson (Captain), K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, E. C. and E. F. Fincher, S. V. Gittins, B. D. Lay, R. E. Lee, N. A. E. Mackay, G. A. White, and A. N. Other.
2nd XI (home).—W. Mulcahy (Captain), R. Baldwin, F. A. Broadbridge, H. Brokenshire, G. G. Davies, G. W. Giffen, G. A. Goodban, T. A. Madar, W. L. McKenzie, R. A. J. Simpson, and A. N. Other.

At the invitation of Prince Aly Khan, the President of the German Racing Association is to visit London for the purpose of trying to arrange for leading English horses to take part in the German "Brown Band" race. He will afterwards visit Paris with the same object in view.



A busy scene on the River Cam showing college crews in training for inter-college races at Cambridge. (Copyright, Fox).

England Meet South Africa To-day

FIRST TEST MATCH AT JOHANNESBURG FORMIDABLE ENGLAND SELECTION TRIBUTE TO SPRINGBOKS

ALTHOUGH the present tour of the M.C.C. in South Africa, coming as it does on top of an Australian tour of England, does not appear to have roused local cricketers to very much enthusiasm, there will be a school of cricket fanatics whose thoughts will to-day be centred on Johannesburg, where the first Test against South Africa is scheduled to start.

Apart from meagre cabled results of matches, little information has been received here regarding the form of the Springboks or their likely players. For the most part, however, in view of the fact that South African cricket does not receive a great deal of publicity, such names would not mean a great deal in any case.

POPULAR CAPTAIN

What we do know is that Alan Melville will captain South Africa.

He requires no introduction. As captain of Oxford University and later Sussex, he gained an enviable reputation as a batsman and skipper of the very best quality, and his present responsibilities are likely to do little to detract from that reputation.

M.C.C. will be led by W. R. Hammond and he, one of the most brilliant men ever to have led England, will have the support of one of the finest all-round teams ever to have



A GREAT TRIBUTE

Greater tribute to South Africa could not have been paid than in the selection of the M.C.C. team:—W. R. Hammond, Hutton, Edrich, Paynter, Ames, H. T. Bartlett, B. H. Valentine, Verity, Wright and Farnes reads more like an England test team to meet Australia at home and reflects the respect that the England selectors have for the Springboks at home.

The "Rubber" has not been won by an England side in South Africa since F. T. Mann's side visited the Union in 1922-23 and if Hammond and his merry men do not take the honours home this year, South Africa may well rest assured that her cricketers of the present generation rank favourably with the giants of this or any other era in the history of the British national game.



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12.30 p.m.—Albert Sandler & His Orchestra and Richard Tauber (Tenor). Halfway To Heaven (film "The Street Singer"); If You Only Knew (from "Crest of the Wave").... Albert Sandler & His Orchestra. I Know Of Two Bright Eyes (Clut-sam).... Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra cond. by G. Walter. Waltzes From Theatre-Land... Albert Sandler & His Orchestra. Fear Nothing (Operetta "Pagani-ni"); The Old Tree (Napier-Tau-ber).... Richard Tauber with Or-chestra cond. by G. Walter. Roumanian Gipsy Dance (de Mau-ritz); Around The Danube (Para-phrase on "Waves of the Danube"—Charrosin).... Albert Sandler & His Orchestra.

1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—The Mills Brothers and Billy Mayerl. Have You Forgotten? (Suisse).... Billy Mayerl (Piano).

London Rhythm (Williams, Addison); Solitude (Ellington, De Lange, Mills).... The Mills Bro-thers (Four Boys and a Guitar).

Limehouse Blues (Braham—trans. Mayerl); Orange Blossoms (Ma-yerl).... Billy Mayerl (Piano).

Sleepy Head (film "Operator 13"); Put On Your Old Grey Bonnet (Murphy-Wenrich).... The Mills Brothers (Four Boys and a Gui-tar).

Jasmine (Mayerl); Sweet Nothings (Rottenberg).... Billy Mayerl (Piano).

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1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announce-ments.

1.40 p.m.—Selections from "The Bohe-mian Girl", "Duchess of Dantzig" etc.

"The Bohemian Girl"—Vocal Gems (Balfe)... Light Opera Company.

"The Damask Rose"—Selection (Cho-pin themes adapted Clutsum).... Court Symphony Orchestra.

"Dutchess of Dantzig"—Vocal Gems (Caryl)... Light Opera Company.

"The Maid Of The Mountains (Fra-ser-Simson).... Light Opera Com-pany.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6 p.m.—Studio—Special Xmas Child-ren's Hour.

7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02 p.m.—Charlie Kunz (Piano) and The Street Singer.

When The Poppies Bloom Again (Pelosi).... The Street Singer with Instrumental Accomp.

Piano Medley No. R. 19. Intro: Lost; The Glory of Love; Is It True What They Say About Dixie?; Sweetheart let's grow old to-gether; Lovely Lady; At the close of a long, long day.... Charlie Kunz (Piano) with Rhythm Accomp.

Lovely To Look At (film "Roberta").... The Street Singer with Violin,

Accordion and Celeste Accomp.

Piano Medley No. R. 16. Intro: Rose Marie; Indian Love Call; The Girl Friend; Tea for Two; Why do I Love You?; I Want to be Happy.... Charlie Kunz with Rhythm accomp.

Old Sailor (Kennedy); Serenade In The Night (Cherubini).... The Street Singer with Instrumental Accomp.

Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. D. 18. Intro: Please be kind; The down and out blues; Cry, Baby, Cry; The sweetest song in the World; The First Quarrel; Little Lady Make Believe.... Charlie Kunz with Rhythm Accomp.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay — "London Yule Log".

7.40 p.m.—London Relay—"Tom Baw-cock's Eve". A forgotten festival recalled at The Ship Inn, Mousehole. Tom Bawcock was a legendary char-acter who lived at Mousehole and who, one year on the day before Christmas Eve went to sea alone and made a fabulous catch. This was made the occasion of feast and the subject of a song. Though the cele-bration has died out, Mousehole re-mains a fishing village, and to-night you will hear songs and stories of yesterday and to-day. Introduced by Bernard Fishwick. The pro-gramme produced by Pat Beech.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

Memories of Chopin (arr. Willough-by); Valse Bluettes—Air De Ballet (Drigo); Operatica (Famous Operatic Melodies — arr. J. H. Squire).

8.20 p.m.—London Relay—"Paul Tem-ple And The Front-Page Men". A serial thriller by Francis Durrbridge. Episode 8: "The Front Page Men". Characters: Mr. Goldie, a Clerk, The Rev. Charles Hargreaves, Sir Gran-

Xmas Children's Hour: "London Yule Log"

ham Forbes, Inspector Reid, Inspec-tor Hunter, Gerald Mitchell, Paul Temple, Tryce, and Steve. Produc-tion by Martyn C. Webster.

8.45 p.m.—A Programme of Latest Variety Numbers.

Dance Orch.—I Let A Song Go Out Of My Heart—Fox-Trot; The Meanest Thing You Ever Did Was Kiss Me—Fox-Trot.... Harry Roy & His Orchestra with vocal refrain.

Vocal—Quand On A Mal Aux Dents (Mireille); C'est Le Debut D'Une Aventure (Mireille).... Pils Et Tabet with Piano accomp.

Dance Orch.—Joseph! Joseph!—Fox-Trot; Who'll Buy My Bublitchki?—Fox-Trot.... Emery Deutsch & His Orchestra with vocal by Nan Wynn.

Piano—Rumba Acrobatique (Azaro-la); Clownerie Swing (Azarola).... Azarola.

Dance Orch.—A Love Letter—Tan-go; A Farewell Letter—Tango.... Heinz Huppertz & His Orchestra.

Vocal—Cafe-Chantant (Wal-Berg); C'est Dans Un Caboulot (Marc Lanjean).... Damia accomp. by Wal-Berg & His Orchestra.

Dance Orch.—A Mug Of Ale—Fox-Trot; Four String Joe—Quickstep.... Joe Venuti's Blue Four.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orches-tra from the Grill Room of the Hong Kong Hotel.

10.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Christmas Picture Book". Memories of Pan-tomime. Written and Produced by William MacLurg. Chorus and Or-chestra under the direction of Jack Clarke.

11 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room of the Hong Kong Hotel.

12 midnight.—Close down.

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♠ A 5
♥ A K 8 6 2
♦ 4
♣ K Q 7 6 3
Oswald Jacoby

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
6♣	Pass	7♣	Pass

Since the opening lead could not be ruffed, seven was of course a laydown. Nevertheless Mr. Jacoby

and Mr. Schenken felt quite proud of themselves for having bid it. Of course, if either East or West had been kind enough to stick in a diamond overcall, they would have made things easier. But East and West happened to stay out of the bidding.

Let us consider the bidding as a whole. The first three bids were normal. Then when Mr. Jacoby bid two clubs, Mr. Schenken was quite puzzled as to what to do, since he feared that perhaps his partner was making a fancy bid without clubs. His jump to four clubs, which was a forcing bid, at the same time allowed Mr. Jacoby to go out of clubs at the four-level. However, Mr. Jacoby surprised him by jumping to six clubs—a bid fully warranted by his fine hand. Now Mr. Schenken revalued his hand and said to himself: "Obviously my partner has a fine hand, as is shown by his jump to six. And yet he almost surely doesn't have the Ace of diamonds because if he had, he would prob-ably have shown it by bidding four diamonds over four clubs." There-fore, if he hasn't the Ace of dia-monds, he ought to have both the other Aces and the King of clubs, which should be enough for seven." Hence Mr. Schenken contracted for the Grand Slam.

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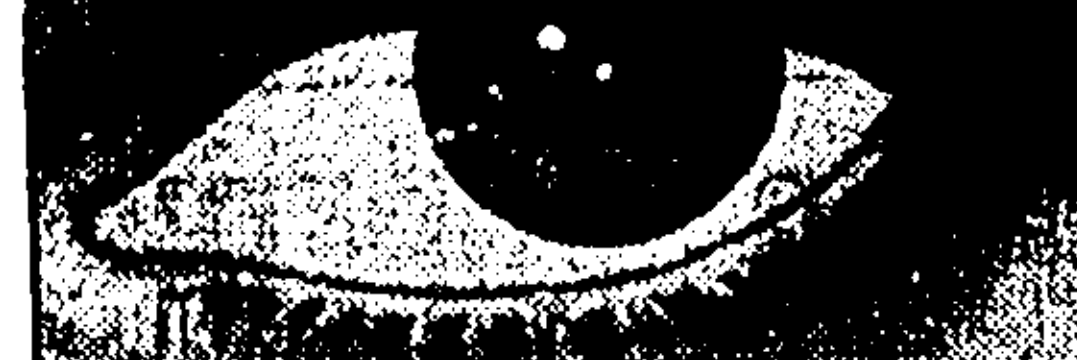
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FEAR OF JOINT FOREIGN INTERVENTION TO STOP JAPAN

Tokyo, To-day.

Fear of joint intervention in the Sino-Japanese conflict by Britain, the United States, France and the Soviet, was expressed by Mr. Shimada, an executive member of the Seiyukai Party, in an address to the convention of parliamentary members of the party yesterday.

The convention was held prior to the meeting of the Diet to-day.

Mr. Shimada said the situation to-day was serious and comparable to that at the time of the triple intervention by Russia, France and Germany following the Sino-Japanese War of 1894-95.

He denounced as especially outrageous the attitude of the Soviet, "which openly tramples on Japan's treaty rights and resorts to unwarrantable provocation." — Reuter.

Colonel F. C. Harrington has been appointed to succeed Mr. Hopkins in this capacity.—Reuter.

MR. ROPER'S SUCCESSOR

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt has appointed Mr. Harry L. Hopkins as Secretary of Commerce in succession to Mr. Daniel Roper, who resigned.

Mr. Hopkins at present is Administrator of the Works Progress Administration, the Federal agency in charge of relief works.

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Barcelona, To-day.

The Republicans admit that the Nationalists have pushed a new offensive on the Catalan front, but claim that it has resulted in no material gains.

It is alleged in Barcelona that Italian troops participated in the push.—Reuter.

Berlin, To-day.

"We stand entirely by our viewpoint," Reuter was informed in well-informed political circles regarding America's rejection of Germany's demand for an apology for the Ickes speech. Although it appears there is no question of a diplomatic rupture, the Foreign Office would not be satisfied until a formal explanation from the White House is forthcoming.

It is explained that the matter needs the closest study and it is suggested that an official statement on the matter will be issued.

The newspapers, meanwhile, have not printed the news of the German protest nor the American reply.

The "Berliner Lokalanseizure," the only paper to offer criticism, says it had been thought that someone would have come forward in America or Britain to query Ickes but "Roosevelt's collaborator apparently possesses a charter to exceed Jewish provocation by more provocation." — Reuter.

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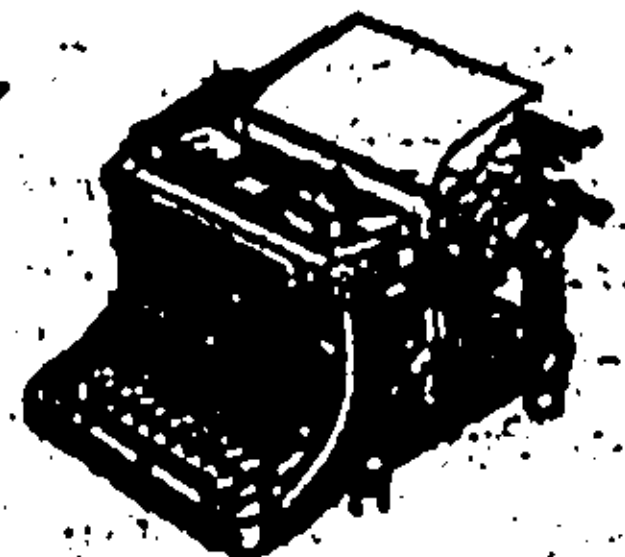
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